

Night View Of Philadelphia's Penn Center-City Hall Area

WHEN NIGHT falls the Tourist Center of the Philadelphia Convention and Tourist Bureau is like a sparkling jewel in the brilliantly-lighted Penn Center-City Hall area. This is especially true during the holiday season when the trees on John F. Kennedy Plaza, on which the Tourist Center stands, are illuminated.

Commentary, Changes In Bylaws To Be SBC Issues

By Jim Newton

PHILADELPHIA (BP)—A motion to recall and rewrite an entire 12-volume Bible commentary "from a conservative viewpoint" is expected to start the miscellaneous business before the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here June 6-8.

The 11.8 million member convention will also elect a new president and vote on several recommendations initiating a reorganization of SBC structure, and will act on procedures for motions on the internal affairs of its agencies.

More than 13,000 "messengers" from churches throughout the nation are expected to attend the three-day meeting at Philadelphia's Civic Center. Evangelist Billy Graham and Apollo 16 Astronaut James B. Irwin will be major speakers.

Business sessions for the nation's largest Protestant denomination will get underway Tuesday morning, June 6. In the three days, there will be

nearly four hours devoted to miscellaneous business from the floor and more than eight hours of reports and recommendations from committees and agencies.

A Southern Baptist pastor from Los Angeles, Gwin W. Turner, has given public notice that he plans to introduce a motion in the opening business session requesting the recall and re-writing of the 12-volume Broadman Bible Commentary.

An ad hoc group called the Fellowship of Conservative Southern Baptists has endorsed the motion Turner plans to introduce, according to a news release issued by the group from Naples, Fla.

Turner said his motion will read: "That because a large segment of the material of the entire set of the Broadman Bible Commentary (thus far published) is out of harmony with the spirit and letter of the 'Baptist Faith and Message' adopted by this convention, we request that the Sunday School Board withdraw from

(Continued On Page 2)

800 Mississippi Baptists Expected To Attend SBC

More than 800 Mississippi Baptists are expected to attend the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention to meet June 6-8 in the Philadelphia Civic Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

While no Mississippians are listed on the suggested program, many from the state will be participating in the session, serving on committees, taking part in discussion, and possibly other ways.

Several related meetings will be held just prior to and after the convention, in which numerous Mississippians will be attending.

This will be a three-day convention, beginning at 9:15 Tuesday morning and closing Thursday night at 9:30.

There will be no Wednesday afternoon session.

Mississippians will be especially interested in the convention this year as they were last year because the president of the convention is a native of Mississippi and a graduate at Mississippi College.

He is Dr. Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. He hails from Liberty and Dr. Bates will be completing his second term as president this year.

Mississippi members of committees that will report to the convention are as follows:

North American Baptist Fellowship, Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Baptist

State Papers, Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson; boards, Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg and Glen Perry, Philadelphia.

The Executive Committee of the convention will meet just prior to the convention opening.

State members are Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, and T. Cooper Walton, Jackson.

(Continued On Page 2)

Conflict Inevitable Among Baptists--Bates

By Toby Druin

CHARLOTTE (BP)—Carl E. Bates, who for two years has worn the mantle of peacemaker among Southern Baptists, said here that controversy and conflict are inevitable for the denomination.

"The sad thing is that we keep going over the same ground again," the Southern Baptist Convention president said in reflecting on his two years in the denomination's top elected office. Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church here since 1959, yields the

presidential gavel in Philadelphia next month. He was elected president of the nation's largest Protestant denomination in Denver in 1970 and re-elected last June in St. Louis.

Both the Denver and St. Louis conventions were marked by controversy, among other things, over the Broadman Bible Commentary. A group of conservatives has served notice that they will again resurrect the commentary issue, asking this time that the entire 12-volume series be withdrawn from sale by the Sunday School Board.

Referring to the commentary ques-

tion, though not mentioning it specifically, Bates urged every Southern Baptist pastor and layman to read, "Not A Silent People (a history of controversy among Southern Baptists)," written by Carson-Newman College Professor Walter B. Shurden.

"I wish every Southern Baptist could read it," he said of the book. "Pastors need to read it to understand our history and laymen need to read it to stand firm against those who would lead us over the same ground again."

"Controversy and conflict are inevitable," he said. "The sad thing is

that we go over the same ground again and again."

"Of course, not all of this is bad," he added. "It makes us get down to basics. We are forced to reacquaint ourselves with our doctrines and history."

He praised the democratic structure of the convention, but noted that though a messenger can have his way, he does not always get his way.

"This is perhaps the only place in Christendom where every man can have his way," Bates said of the annual convention. "But it is also

(Continued On Page 2)

PHILADELPHIA
127 H16 AVE N
5-18 5-18
505 J10 002102
SOCIETY
NASHVILLE
37206

Phila

Historic City

By Lynn E. May Jr.
Executive Secretary
SBC Historical Commission

PHILADELPHIA (BP)—For the first time since its formation in 1915, the Southern Baptist Convention will meet this year, June 6-8, in the "Cradle of the Nation."

In doing so, the messengers to the convention will gather in not only one of America's most historic cities, but also in a city rich with Baptist heritage.

Philadelphia is well-known as the

home of the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the Betsy Ross House, Congress Hall, and other national memorials. As the site of the Continental Congress which adopted the Declaration of Independence, and as the site of the first capital of the United States, Philadelphia is known as the cradle of our nation.

Many Baptists, however, are unaware of the historic significance of Philadelphia as the site of numerous important beginnings and developments in the heritage of Baptists.

It was here that the first Baptist association in America was organized. It was here that the first national organization of Baptists, the Triennial Convention, held its first and last meetings. It was here that the first session of the Baptist World Alliance to meet in the United States was held.

A brief summary of these events will indicate the riches of Southern Baptists' Philadelphia heritage.

It all started in 1688 when Elias

(Continued On Page 3)

The Baptist Record

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Published Since 1877 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1972 Volume XCI, Number 12

Graham Is Invited To Return To Jackson For State Crusade

Evangelist Billy Graham has been invited to return to Jackson for a statewide Crusade, according to James E. Carr, Jackson business man, chairman of a committee of Jackson business and religious leaders.

The invitation was formally presented to Dr. Graham and other members of the evangelistic team on Tuesday of last week in Birmingham where they were conducting a Crusade.

"A decision on whether they can come and when, will be made in due time by the team," Mr. Carr said, believe that our invitation will be given favorable consideration."

Those who went to Birmingham and conferred with the Graham personnel in addition to Mr. Carr, were Rev. William Wymond, Frank Betts, Dr. S. L. Bowman, Rev. W. D. Carr, Miss Marjean Patterson, Rev. Richard R. Harris, Rev. Joe McKeever and Dr. Joe T. Odle, all of Jackson.

All members of the Jackson committee conferred with Dr. Grady Wilson, Cliff Barrows and Donald Bailey of the Graham group and sev-

eral members of the Jackson committee met with Dr. Graham himself, Mr. Carr said.

The decision to contact the Graham

team was made at a meeting held in Jackson recently and attended by more than fifty pastors, laymen and

(Continued On Page 2)

DR. HUDGINS RESTING WELL AFTER A HEART 'FLURRY' MONDAY AFTERNOON

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, at press time Tuesday morning was resting well in the Coronary Care Unit of Baptist Hospital in Jackson following his admittance there Monday night as a result of an accelerated heartbeat late Monday afternoon.

He had been in the yard of his home when the heart "flurry" and shortness of breath occurred, according to members of his family.

The doctors were quoted as saying that his pulse was reduced to normal Monday night and that they did not believe any "infraction" had taken place. They did not refer to the incident as a "heart attack."

SBC Messengers Urged To Get Proper Credentials

PHILADELPHIA (BP)—Southern Baptist leaders have issued a plea for each elected "messenger" to the Southern Baptist Convention here June 6-8 to obtain in advance the proper credentials needed to register as a voting "messenger."

Last year, more than 5,000 messengers (delegates) showed up at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis without their credentials, and each one had to go before the SBC credentials committee for certification before they could register.

It takes three times as long to register without the registration cards as it does with them, Johnston said. With the credentials, registration takes about 10 minutes. Without them it takes 30 to 45 minutes, he estimated.

W. Fred Kendall, executive secre-

tary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and registration secretary for the SBC, said that most of those who failed to bring their proper credentials cannot understand why they can't go ahead and register anyway.

But Kendall and those who help register the messengers have no way of knowing who is an official "messenger" elected by a local church, and who is not. By convention procedure, any person who seeks to register who does not have the proper credentials is automatically referred to the credentials committee.

The committee and its members must interview all such persons, determine if they have been officially elected by their church, discover how many other messengers have been elected by their church, and de-

(Continued On Page 3)

Amish Religious Liberty Upheld By Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Supreme Court here upheld the right of a group of Amish parents in Wisconsin to defy the compulsory school attendance law for their children beyond the eighth grade.

The court decided that, in a claim of the right of the free exercise of religion as in a case of the nature of the Amish practice, the state's interest in education is not as great as the rights protected by the First Amendment.

Three Amish families were involved in this case. Frieda Yoder, daughter of Jonas Yoder; Barbara Miller, daughter of Wallace Miller; and Vernon Yutzy, son of Adin Yutzy, graduated from the eighth grade of public schools. But according to Amish

practice and beliefs, the parents refused to send their children to high school.

The parents were charged, tried and convicted of violating the compulsory attendance law in Wisconsin and were fined \$5.00 each. The Wisconsin Circuit Court affirmed the convictions, but the state Supreme Court reversed the decisions of the lower courts on the basis of the "free exercise clause of the First Amendment."

The First Amendment provides: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The Yoders and the Yutzy are members of the Old Order Amish religion. The Millers are members of the Conservative Amish Mennonite Church.

According to testimony in the case, attendance of Amish children at high school, public or private, is contrary to the Amish religion and way of life. This restriction does not necessarily apply to all vocational schools beyond the eighth grade, but it does apply to all high schools that meet the requirements of the state for a high school education.

In this case, the Amish believed that by sending their children to high school, they would not only expose themselves to the danger of the culture of the church community, but, as found by the County Court, endanger their own salvation and that of their children.

The State of Wisconsin did not challenge the sincerity of the Amish beliefs.

The Supreme Court, in its study of

(Continued On Page 2)



Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention for the past two years, smiles at the prospect of devoting full time to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, effective June 9. In addition to his duties as president of the convention, Bates has led the downtown Charlotte church in construction of a new church plant shown in the background. — (BP) Photo by Toby Druin

Commentary And--

(Continued From Page 1)

further sale the entire set, seek a new, conservative editor, enlist a group of thoroughly conservative writers, and rewrite the entire set from a conservative viewpoint."

Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mar Vista, a Los Angeles suburb, had made a similar motion at the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver in 1970 regarding the first volume of the commentary, covering Genesis and Exodus. By a vote of 5,394 to 2,170, the Denver convention requested the SBC Sunday School Board, which published the commentary, to withdraw Volume I and to rewrite it "with due consideration of the conservative viewpoint."

At the Southern Baptist Convention last year in St. Louis, a motion advising the board that the 1970 request of the convention to rewrite the commentary volume "has not been followed" and asking the board to obtain another writer to revise the volume was passed by a vote of 2,672 to 2,298.

Turner said he would introduce his motion calling for the revision of the entire 12 volumes in the opening miscellaneous business session at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 6.

In an article written for *The Sword and the Trowel*, a privately circulated conservative publication, Turner detailed his objections to the commentary, saying he rejected the "negative criticism" used by the scholars. He further charged that the writers denied the inerrancy of the scriptures, and rejected predictive prophecies.

"The entire commentary is built upon the expressed belief of the editor, and many contributors, that the Bible is not the word of God, and so is not throughout authoritative; and therefore its religious teachings and reported historical accounts may or may not be true; and its purported prophecies are not really prophecies," Turner charged.

Editorials in at least nine Baptist state papers quickly opposed Turner's motion. Two editorials called the proposal "ridiculous." The Baptist Standard of Texas said the "splinter group" is out to wreck the fellowship of the SBC, and that the group has "pooled its ignorance."

The Louisiana Baptist Message observed that "what they now want is a bonfire—a book burning affair in the city of the Liberty Bell. It would appear that what this group really wants is a Southern Baptist Creed statement, and they would volunteer to write it."

The Kentucky Western Recorder defended the commentary, saying it would be judged "conservative" by general standards. The charge that it is not in harmony with the Baptist Faith and Message Statement is not justified, the editorial said.

The Alabama Baptist carried both an editorial opposing the motion and an article by John Jeffers, Alabama member of the SBC Sunday School Board. Jeffers wrote that much more is at stake than a 12-volume commentary.

"What is at stake is the entire publishing ministry of the Sunday School Board and ultimately every other board and agency of this convention," wrote Jeffers, pastor of First Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala.

"What this amounts to (passage of the motion) is transferring the responsibility of an elected board of trustees to a majority of approximately 15,000 Southern Baptists who happen to be present and voting at a given session. . . . This would result in nothing less than chaos in our publishing ministry."

Jeffers said he hoped there would be a motion to table Turner's proposal "before too much damage is done." In a statement released to Baptist Press, James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board said that the board "is anxious to be responsive to the desires of the convention."

Adding that the board has tried to respond "to the spirit and letter" of the actions by the two previous conventions concerning the commentary, Sullivan said that if the matter again arises in Philadelphia, "We are anxious to have full discussion there in order to bring this project to a proper conclusion."

Expressing support for a proposed new bylaw providing procedure for handling motions from the floor dealing with internal matters of SBC agencies, Sullivan added that if the new bylaw is passed, he felt the convention should provide "the necessary two-thirds vote to afford the Sunday School Board an opportunity to know the will of the convention in the commentary matter."

He was referring to a new bylaw which the SBC Executive Committee will recommend, which would refer to the elected trustees any motions made from the floor dealing "with internal operations or programs of an agency." The agency would be required to report on the motion the next year, unless the convention votes by a two-thirds majority to consider it immediately.

Other By-Law Changes
The Executive Committee will re-

commend two other bylaw changes seeking to clarify a parliamentary ruling last year which interpreted a bylaw to mean that any motion dealing with an agency's work must be referred to the SBC Executive Committee. The proposed changes would stipulate that these bylaws would apply to recommendations by an agency of the convention which had not been previously published, not to motions from the floor.

Editorials in three Baptist state papers have supported the proposed bylaw changes, saying they would prevent a crowd of 13,000 people from being "stampeded into witch hunts," according to the Baptist Standard of Texas.

Added the Kentucky Western Recorder: "It is wise to provide some self-limitations to protect ourselves from hasty actions based on emotion more than on full knowledge and reflection." The Baptist New Mexican agreed: "We would largely destroy the useful function of any of our agencies and their boards by attempting to manage them from the convention floor."

But the Indiana Baptist strongly opposed the new Bylaw 17, charging it is unconstitutional, unbaptistic, and unnecessary. The bylaw would deny the messengers the right to "direct" the denomination guaranteed in the constitution, it would violate Baptist polity and the democratic process, and it would not be necessary since a motion to refer is always in order, argued the editorial. Calling for the defeat of the new Bylaw 17, the Indiana editorial supported, however, the two other bylaw changes.

The SBC Executive Committee, in addition to the bylaw changes, will also recommend adoption of a record \$32.8 million budget, and three structure changes in organization.

It will recommend reorganization of the boards of the SBC Brotherhood Commission and Radio - Television Commission, and that the functions and work of the SBC Stewardship Commission be transferred instead to the Executive Committee.

If approved, the proposal would abolish the Stewardship Commission as an agency of the convention, effective in 1973 after approval by two successive conventions.

The Executive Committee will also report on disposition of nine matters referred to it for action by the convention last year. Two will report the response of the Sunday School Board explaining why the board should continue the position of "doctrinal reader," and why the name "Broadman" should not be dropped from the title of the Broadman Bible Commentary.

A new convention president will be elected to succeed Carl E. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., who has served two terms and is ineligible for re-election.



First, Starkville Calls Pastor

First Church, Starkville has called as pastor Dr. R. Raymond Lloyd, pastor of Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dr. Lloyd and his family will move to Starkville in early June, with Dr. Lloyd delivering his first sermon as pastor there on June 11.

First, Starkville has been without a pastor since May of last year when Dr. D. C. Applegate retired because of ill health.

Dr. Lloyd has been active in Tennessee Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention work, presently serving on the Executive Board of both groups.

The son of a Baptist minister and native of New York, he received the B. A. degree from Carson-Newman College, and B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Seminary.

He has held pastorates at Shiloh Church, Ridgeport, Ill., and at First Church, Rockwood, Tennessee. He has been pastor of Ridgedale for the past 10 years.

Dr. Lloyd's wife, Gretta, has a master's degree in religious education and is an accomplished musician. A native of Georgia, she has served as assistant state BSU director.

The Lloyds have three children, Rich, 15; Vicky, 12; and Linda, 11.

NOMINATIONS FOR SBC ANNUAL SERMON PREACHER REQUESTED

BELLAIRE, Tex. (BP)—Nominations for persons to preach the annual convention sermon at the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland in 1973 are being accepted by the SBC Committee on Order of Business, the committee's chairman said here. Leg Porter, chairman of the committee and pastor of First Baptist Church of Bellaire, Texas, said the committee would give serious consideration to every name submitted before making its recommendations at the SBC in Philadelphia, June 6-8.

Last year, more than 200 names were submitted, Porter said. "We want people to have an opportunity to nominate persons they think would preach a good sermon at the Portland convention, and would urge them to send their suggestions in writing to the committee," Porter said. The committee can be addressed care of its chairman, 4601 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire, Tex., 77401.

Conflict Inevitable Among Baptists—Bates

(Continued From Page 1)

where every man does not always prevail and where he doesn't justify his position by blaming the establishment."

Bates said he had logged more than a quarter of a million miles at the SBC helm, including a trip to Tokyo for the Baptist World Alliance in 1970. He has visited every area of the country, speaking at most state conventions or evangelism conferences at least once during his tenure in office.

"But the major responsibility of this office," he said, "is correspondence—reams and reams of it. 'Anybody in the Southern Baptist Convention who has a complaint feels that the president can solve it."

"I have tried to answer all of them personally, except the Boy Scouts who wrote about God and Country Awards. I developed a form letter for them."

The two years have convinced him that the presidency should be limited to a single one-year term of office.

"Two years is too much for man or church to give," he said. "We should elect a man for one year and at the same time make the first vice-president the president-elect. Southern Baptists could very wisely move to this position."

Nevertheless, Bates said that his church has not suffered during his terms of office. He gave credit to his associate Joe Burnette, and to "the strongest young laymen in the Southern Baptist Convention" for seeing the church through the period. During the two years, the church has broken ground and almost completed a \$1 million-plus plant to which it will move on July 1.

He praised Southern Baptists for their stewardship in the past year that saw a new surge in Cooperative Program giving. But he said he was distressed about the continuing decline in church organizations and offered a solution.

"All we need to do is rediscover Arthur Flake's book, *Building a Standard Sunday School*," he said. "If Southern Baptists ever get back to that book, we will remedy the decline."

Bates said that in his travels he could detect no great differences among Southern Baptists, regardless of their geographical areas. "Baptists in the older areas of the convention are least likely to push the panic button over changes," he observed. "I attribute this to maturity."

"The various sections of the convention do work under different procedures, but at heart they are all individuals who love their freedom in Christ as Baptists," he observed. The SBC president said, however, that his travels had pointed out to him a need for indoctrination in Baptist beliefs.

"I am distressed at the lack of doctrinal understanding on the part of many Southern Baptists," he said. "It would be a stronger fellowship if our people understood more thoroughly the doctrines of grace."

"But we have finally gotten back to the New Testament pattern of witnessing—people to people, house-to-house and day-by-day. I think if

800 Mississippi Baptists--

(Continued From Page 1)

Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, president of the state Baptist WMU, is by virtue of her office a vice-president of Southern Baptist WMU.

Women's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the SBC, will begin with a service Sunday afternoon, June 4 in Convention Hall in the Civic Center with the remainder of the sessions to be held on Monday at the Academy of Music at 9:30 a. m., and 2:00 and 7:00 p. m.

The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will be held at the Holiday Inn (Penn Center) beginning Sunday afternoon at 2:00 with other sessions scheduled for 7:00 that evening and on Monday sessions are scheduled for 8:45 a. m., 2:00 and 7:00 p. m.

The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will be held after the convention ends, with sessions to be held in the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

Sessions will be held Friday at 9:00 a. m., 1:10 p. m., 7:00 p. m. and Saturday at 9:00 a. m.

Other smaller groups will also have meetings before the convention starts and between sessions of the program of the convention.

we can really tie in to the new WIN (Witnessing Involvement Now) program we could double our church memberships to 25 million in the 1970's. I think Southern Baptists are on the threshold of one of their greatest eras."

Bates said he had no plans after yielding the presidency except "trying to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, again."

"I am looking forward to resuming my old habits of study, counseling and visitation and above all simply preaching in the joy of shared discovery," he commented.

Hanging Moss To Dedicate New Church Plant

Hanging Moss Church at 6215 Hanging Moss Road, Jackson, will hold dedication services the week of May 28 to June 4, announces Dr. Robert H. Perry, pastor.

At the service of dedication for the sanctuary, Sunday morning, May 28, at 10:45 a. m., Dr. Howard E. Spell, Bible professor and retired academic dean at Mississippi College, will be guest speaker.

Open House will be held at the church Sunday afternoon, May 28, from 4 to 5:30 p. m.

At the service of dedication for organ and piano, Sunday evening, May 28, at 6 p. m., Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will deliver a sermon in song. Gene Rester, minister of music and youth at Hanging Moss Church, will also participate in this service.

Student Missionary's Vietnam Assignment Is Cancelled

Gary Pearce, of Baton Rouge, La., student at Mississippi College, was scheduled to go as a student summer missionary to Danang, Vietnam, sent by the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi. He was one of three summer missionaries from the U. S. who planned to go to Vietnam.

However, a missionary in Vietnam has cabled the Foreign Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board has notified Rev. Ralph Winders, director, Department of Student Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, that conditions were such that they must cancel requests for summer missionaries to Vietnam.

Instead, Gary Pearce will serve this summer in Jamaica.

Amish Religious - - -

(Continued From Page 1)

the case, came to this conclusion: "As a result of their common heritage, Old Order Amish communities today are characterized by a fundamental belief that salvation requires a life in a church community separate and apart from the world and worldly influence. This concept of life aloof from the world and its values is central to their faith."

The court summarized the Amish objection to formal education for their children beyond the eighth grade in two major reasons: (1) high school and college education teaches values at variance with the Amish values and way of life; (2) high school and college education take the children away from their home and community, physically and emotionally, during the crucial and formative adolescent period of life.

On the other hand, the Amish do not object to elementary public school education for their children, according to the court, because they believe that the "three R's" are necessary in order to read the Bible, to be good farmers and citizens and to be able to deal with non-Amish people when necessary in the course of daily affairs.

The Supreme Court decision was 6 to 1. Justices Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist did not participate.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger read the court's opinion. Justice William O. Douglas dissented only in part, indicating an almost unanimous decision by the court. In addition to the 31-page opinion of the court, five justices took an additional 14 pages to express their concurring opinions and dissent in part.

Commencement Set For State Baptist Seminary

Dr. L. Dudley Wilson, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, will deliver the Commencement address at the 29th graduating exercises of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary to be held May 31 at 11:00 a. m.

Dr. T. B. Brown, seminary president, in making the announcement, said that the program would be held at the Central Center of the school, located at 3672 Delta Drive in Jackson. The speaker will be introduced by Dr. George Purvis, Jackson physician and surgeon and chairman of the board of trustees of the seminary.

Dr. Wilson, a native of Alabama, holds the B. A. degree from Samford University (Baptist), Birmingham; B. D. and Th.M. degrees from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and the honorary D.D. from Hudson College (Baptist), Marion, Ala. He has also studied at Yale Uni-

versity, Princeton Theological Seminary and Oxford University in England.

The candidates will be presented by Dr. Wm. P. Davis, academic dean; the presentation of certificates will be made by Rev. Richard Brogan, director, Department of Work with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, and the presentation of diplomas and degrees will be made by Dr. Brown.

Music director and pianist will be Miss Colena Daniels, music instructor at the Central Center, with appropriate music to be used during the program.

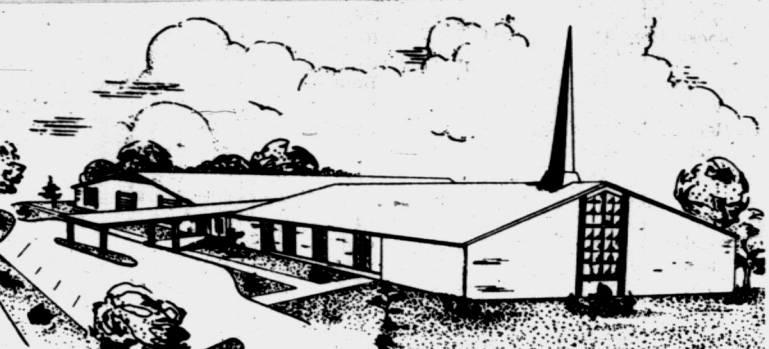
The program will also include scripture reading, invocation and benediction.

There will be 219 graduates, Dr. Brown said, in the following divisions:

Sunday School Workers Training Diploma, 129; Busy Pastor's Certificate, nine; Christian Training Certificate, 18; Christian Training Diploma, 19; English Bible Diploma, 18; Junior College Diploma, four; Bachelor of Religious Education Degree, 11; Bachelor of Theology Degree, 11.

The graduates will be present from the 28 centers of the Seminary scattered throughout the state.

The National Alumni Hour will be held at 2:00 p. m.



The service of dedication for the Ira Worley Fellowship Hall will be held Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. Rev. M. E. Perry, pastor of Parkview Church, Leland, and father of the Hanging Moss pastor, will be the featured speaker.

At the service of dedication for the

educational building Sunday, June 4, at 10:45 a. m., Dr. Charles Clark, manager of the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, will deliver the special message.

The evening service at 6 p. m. on June 4 will be an Appreciation Service.

Graham Invited--

(Continued From Page 1)

laywomen from many areas of the state.

At that meeting a small committee, with Mr. Carr as chairman, was named to explore the idea and invite Dr. Graham if a favorable attitude seemed to prevail over the state.

Mr. Carr said that "we found an enthusiastic response to the Crusade proposal in all parts of the state, coming from people of numerous denominations and all races."

The Graham team held a Crusade in Jackson in 1952, exactly 20 years ago.

Mr. Carr said that it appears now that a committee from the Graham team will come to Jackson at an early date to confer with state leaders on the feasibility of such a Crusade.

The committee chairman added that the Graham team receives many more invitations than they can fill and they go where they feel the Lord is leading them.

The committee carried with them a small folder of letters from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and other state officials, the Mayor of Jackson, several denominational executives and other business and religious leaders

Bible, and any verse in the Bible within an eight second time limit.

Other finalists in this year's tournament were: Jean Dillon and Lisa Rainey from Green's Creek church, Lebanon association; Regina Mounce and Kevin Pitts from Ecru church, Pontotoc association; and Janice Wells, Alta Woods church, Hinds association.

One hundred twenty six participated in the State Youth Bible Drills which preceded the Selection Tournament.

Astronaut James Irwin Replaces Nixon At Southern Convention

PHILADELPHIA (BP)—Astronaut James B. Irwin, the command pilot for Apollo 16 and the first Southern Baptist to walk on the moon, will speak on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention in June instead of President Richard M. Nixon.

President Nixon, who had expressed hopes of addressing the convention, informed officials in mid-April he would not be able to accept the engagement because of a schedule conflict with his trip to Russia and follow-up responsibilities.

The chairman of the SBC committee on order of business, Lee Porter of

Bellaire, Tex., announced that Col. Irwin would bring a devotional message instead.

Another miscellaneous business session has also been added just before Col. Irwin is to speak, said Porter, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bellaire, Tex.

The revised agenda calls for miscellaneous business from 3:45 to 4:10; and for Irwin's devotional concerning his trip to the moon from 4:10 to 4:30. Irwin, an active Baptist layman and member of Nassau Bay Baptist Church near Houston, will also speak twice at the SBC Woman's Missionary Union Convention.

Church Music Conference To Feature Six Concerts

PHILADELPHIA (BP) — A half dozen concerts, three messages, an open forum and three other presentations will be featured during the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference here June 9 - 10.

The world premier of an especially commissioned anthem entitled, "With All That Man Has Done," will also be performed by the Furman University Concert Choir from Greenville, S. C., during the two-day meeting following the Southern Baptist Convention.

The anthem was written for the conference by Beryl Red, composer, arranger, and president of BR Productions in New York City, and Ed Seabough, associate secretary of missionary personnel for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The proposed agenda for the conference, to meet at the First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom Streets here, was released by Conference President Carl Perry, minister of music for First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Sessions are slated from Friday morning, June 9, through noon Saturday, June 10.

Concerts are scheduled throughout the meeting by the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma; the Concert Choir of Furman University; the youth choir of First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.; the Hear and Now Singers of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; the instrumental ensemble of First Baptist Church of Clarendon, Arlington, Va.; and "The Singing City" choir of Philadelphia.

Major messages will also be brought by Kenneth Chafin, director of the Evangelism Division for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and Bill O'Brien, music missionary to Indonesia.

An "open forum" panel involving six of the conference officers and leaders will discuss "Where Do We Go from Here?"

Child Care Center Ready At Southern Baptist Convention

PHILADELPHIA (BP) — A child care center will be open during the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings, June 5 - 8, for preschool children of out-of-town Baptists attending the sessions.

Plans for the center, and guidelines, were disclosed here by a five-member convention committee headed by Glenn Ridall Jr., chairman, and pastor in Hatfield, Pa.

The child care center will be located in the Philadelphia Convention Center where the SBC will meet. It will open at 8:30 each morning, Monday through Thursday, and close 45 minutes after each session. The center will be closed on Wednesday afternoon.

A fee of \$1.50 per child per session will be charged to cover expenses, Ridall said. A child may be left for both morning and afternoon session, including the lunch period, for \$3.50.

Ridall stressed, however, the need for picking up children from the center no later than 45 minutes after the close of the convention sessions. A \$5.00 penalty will be charged for each child left over this time period, the committee guidelines stated.

The child care center will open 45 minutes before each convention session is scheduled to begin. Other guidelines call for registration of each child with complete information on where the parents can be reached in case of emergency, and labeling of each child's bag and clothing. The center will be staffed by nursery workers from Philadelphia area Baptist churches.

Annuitant Board Sets

Annual Luncheon Plans

PHILADELPHIA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention Annuitant Board announced its annual luncheon for annuitants will be held here June 7.

The luncheon will be held during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention. Those who receive benefits from the Annuitant Board will be eligible to attend according to Darold H. Morgan, Dallas, president of the board.

The luncheon will be held in the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Superintendents Of Missions To Study Association's Role

PHILADELPHIA (BP) — Superintendents of missions for Baptist associations throughout the country will examine the association's role in the denomination, the theological base for associational missions, and new frontiers in associational missions during their annual meeting here June 4-5.

Sessions will be held at the Bellevue - Stratford Hotel, Sunday afternoon and Monday morning, June 4-5, prior to the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Theme for the Southern Baptist Conference for Superintendents of Missions will be "Our Heritage, a Trust and a Challenge," according to Harold D. Gregory, superintendent of missions for the Nashville Baptist Association and president of the organization.

Three major addresses and a symposium are scheduled during the two sessions of the conference.

Russell Bennett, assistant director of the Division of Associational Services for the SBC Home Mission Board, will address the group on "The Theological Basis for Associational Missions," in the opening session, and will later lead a symposium on resource and helps in associational missions work. Reactor in the symposium will be Thomas Roote, superintendent of missions for the Northeast Baptist Association, Jacksonville, Fla.

Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee, will address the group on "The Association's Role in the Southern Baptist Convention."

SBC Messengers Urged To Get Proper Credentials

(Continued From Page 1)

in advance, and to give them to the elected messengers. Furthermore, they urged each messenger to take the initiative in obtaining the credentials if the church has not automatically provided them.

The messenger registration cards are available from the executive secretary of the state convention, with which the specific churches are affiliated, Kendall said.

Editor's Note: Those who need registration cards at this late date can receive them by contacting the superintendent of missions in their association or by telephoning the office of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson, at No. 354-3704, Extension 203.

Not only do some churches send too many people, fully one-third do not obtain the messenger cards in advance for the individual messengers, Kendall said. "This puts a terrible burden on the credentials committee," he added.

Johnston said that even a letter from a church listing the messengers it has elected is not adequate. The committee has no way of checking to see if the other messengers on the list have been registered, he added. The current requirements further stipulate each messenger must have his own individual credentials.

All three of the convention leaders urged churches to write immediately their state convention executive secretaries to obtain the individual credentials, to fill them out properly

in advance, and to give them to the elected messengers. Furthermore, they urged each messenger to take the initiative in obtaining the credentials if the church has not automatically provided them.

The messenger registration cards are available from the executive secretary of the state convention, with which the specific churches are affiliated, Kendall said.

Editor's Note: Those who need registration cards at this late date can receive them by contacting the superintendent of missions in their association or by telephoning the office of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson, at No. 354-3704, Extension 203.

Not only do some churches send too many people, fully one-third do not obtain the messenger cards in advance for the individual messengers, Kendall said. "This puts a terrible burden on the credentials committee," he added.

Johnston said that even a letter from a church listing the messengers it has elected is not adequate. The committee has no way of checking to see if the other messengers on the list have been registered, he added. The current requirements further stipulate each messenger must have his own individual credentials.

All three of the convention leaders urged churches to write immediately their state convention executive secretaries to obtain the individual credentials, to fill them out properly



THIS IS THE JAPANESE HOUSE with its pond and garden in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. It is open to visitors. It is especially fascinating to children.

Philadelphia - A Historic City

(Continued From Page 1)

Keach, son of a famous London Baptist minister, led 12 Baptists who had migrated from England, Wales and Ireland to form the Pennepack Baptist Church near Philadelphia.

Under Keach's leadership, this early church soon gave birth to four other churches in surrounding areas of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, including the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia which was formed in 1698. These churches firmly planted the Baptist witness in the Philadelphia area. The historic Pennepack Church, now called Lower Dublin Baptist Church, is located at Bustleton in Philadelphia. First Baptist Church is located at 17th and Sansom Streets, a few blocks from the headquarters hotel for the convention (the Sheraton).

Only July 27, 1707, representatives of five small churches organized the Philadelphia Baptist Association, the first such organization of Baptist churches in America.

Pattern after English Baptist associations, it handled questions of doctrine and practice, counseled churches, provided preachers, and sent out missionaries. The Calvinistic confession of faith adopted by the association in 1742 was widely endorsed by Baptists in America and helped to give them direction theologically.

This association played an important part in the growth of Baptists in the South. In 1749 it sent Oliver Hart to Charleston, S. C., where in 1750 he led in the formation of the Charleston Association, the first in the South.

Today, the Philadelphia Association continues to unite the efforts of American Baptists in the Philadelphia area, including the Lower Dublin (Pennepack) Church and the First Baptist Church which helped to organize it 255 years ago.

In 1774, Baptist history and American history merged in a significant way in Philadelphia. When the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia in 1774, Baptists sought to take advantage of this effort in behalf of freedom.



Anita Bryant, of Miami, well known singing star and television personality, will give her Christian testimony and sing during the Foreign Mission Board program at the SBC in Philadelphia.

SBC Ministers' Wives Will Meet In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (BP) — Emphasizing the theme, "Let Freedom Ring," the wives of Southern Baptist ministers from throughout the nation will gather here for a luncheon meeting of the Conference of Ministers' Wives Tuesday, June 6.

Sessions will be held at the Ukrainian Baptist Church at Seventh and Girard in Philadelphia, beginning at 12:45 p.m. The conference will feature an address by Donald Moore, professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., and noted counselor and speaker. Musical entertainment will be presented by Mrs. Jimmy Jones of Pasadena, Tex.

Presiding at the conference will be Mrs. Charles A. Watkins, of Roanoke, Va., president of the organization.

Mrs. Watkins said tickets for the luncheon meeting would be available on Monday, June 6, or advance reservations may be made by writing the vice president of the organization, Mrs. D. B. Martin of 9 E. Edwards Court, Mt. Holly, N. J. 08060.

Other officers are Mrs. T. Earl Ogg of Monroe, La., secretary; treasurer; and Mrs. Billy Mobley, Oshoskie, N. C., corresponding secretary.

dom by sending Isaac Backus of Massachusetts to lay before the Congress the Baptist plea for religious liberty.

Backus, staunch leader in the struggle for religious freedom, secured the assistance of Philadelphia Baptist Association leaders. They arranged a meeting with the delegates of Massachusetts to the Congress as a preliminary step toward the presentation of their grievances before the entire Continental Congress.

On October 14, 1774, Backus, John Manning and other Baptist leaders met with Massachusetts members of the Congress — Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert T. Paine, and others — and confronted them with Baptists' claims for religious liberty. Through four hours of debate, Backus and his supporters sought to establish the Baptists' cause as "a national political grievance." Though they did not achieve that purpose, they did secure a promise from these political leaders that an effort would be made to do something for the relief of the Baptists. The side of this significant encounter was Carpenters' Hall, now located at 320 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

With the fight for religious liberty won when the Bill of Rights, including its First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom, was added to the Constitution in 1789, the next significant Baptist historical event in Philadelphia occurred in 1814. That was the year the so-called "Triennial Convention" was organized, welding the scattered Baptists of America into a national denomination.

On May 18, 1814, at the invitation of the Philadelphia Association, 26 ministers and seven laymen from 11 states and the District of Columbia, met at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia and formed the first national Baptist body in America. Though popularly called the "Triennial Convention" since it met every three years, the official name was "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions."

Preparatory Events Seen

The formation of this denominational body in Philadelphia was the culmination of numerous preparatory events. Sentiment among Baptists in America for the support of foreign missions grew following the beginning of William Carey's mission work in India. The conversion of Congregational missionaries Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice to Baptist views when they went to India further stimulated that interest in missions. Rice's return to enlist support from American Baptists was climaxed by the formation of this convention. The world mission enterprise thus helped Baptists in America find a basis on which to "elicit, combine and direct" their energies into a single cause.

Southern leaders who helped organize the Triennial Convention included such stalwarts as Richard Furman of South Carolina, first president of the convention, and William Bullein Johnson of Georgia, the last Southerner to serve as president of the Triennial Convention before the Baptist schism of 1845.

In 1844, Philadelphia was the scene of the final meeting of the Triennial Convention. Though the Triennial Convention had united efforts of Baptists North and South in foreign missions and other denominational enterprises for 30 years, the last meeting in 1844 was fraught with tension and distrust.

The heat of the slavery controversy, dissatisfaction among the Southern brethren with the northern-based American Baptist Home Mission Society (which they believed was neglecting Southern mission fields), and other factors prompted charges and countercharges on both sides. An uneasy peace was achieved at the Philadelphia meeting with the passage of a resolution by the convention proclaiming its neutral position on the controversial issues. William Bullein Johnson, elected president of the Triennial Convention in 1841, asked the brethren in 1844 not to consider him for re-election.

Same leaders, both North and South, left the Philadelphia meeting in 1844 with the feeling that separation was inevitable. They were right. It happened the next year, 1845, with the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention in Augusta, Ga. Johnson, the last Southern president of the Triennial Convention, was elected first

president of the new Southern Baptist Convention.

It was not until 1911 that members of the Southern Baptist Convention returned to Philadelphia for a major convention with the Baptists of the North with whom they severed ties in 1845.

In 1911, Baptists from around the world, including those of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions, gathered in Philadelphia for the second Congress of the Baptist World Alliance.

On June 6-8, 1972, Southern Baptists will be returning to their birthplace for the first time as a national body since they pulled out of the Triennial Convention meeting here in 1844. On their return, they will find a city rich, not only in the heritage of their nation, but their denomination.

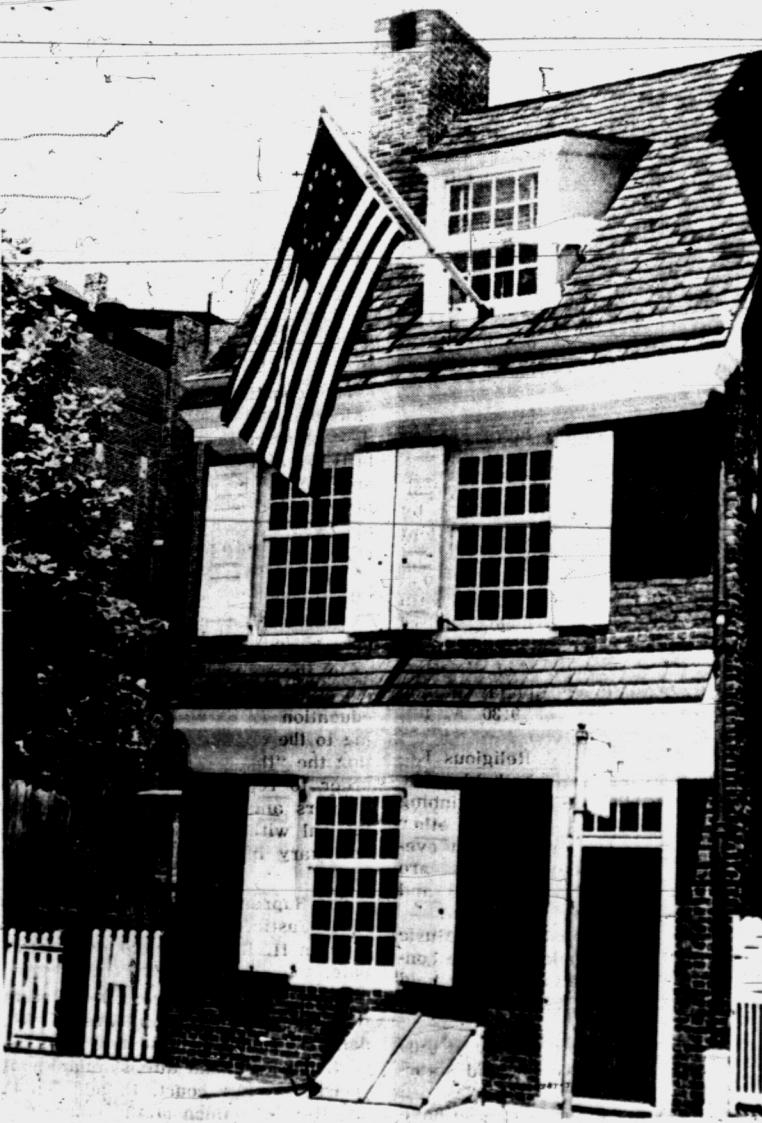


This heroic-sized statue of WILLIAM PENN (37 feet tall) stand on top of the Tower of Philadelphia's City Hall, 548 feet above street level. The statue weighs more than 26 tons. Penn's hat is nine feet in diameter, his middle finger is two - and - a half - feet long. Penn founded the City of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania.



Welcome To Philadelphia!

Mrs. Gordon Daughterty, McGuire AFB, New Jersey, is one of ninety women of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention who will usher for the Woman's Missionary Union meeting. Above, Mrs. Daughterty, church secretary at First Baptist, Wrightstown, N. J., welcomes conventioners to the Philadelphia Civic Center. Ushers will wear blue and white outfits with red Liberty Bell emblems.



THE BETSY ROSS HOUSE in Philadelphia is "The Birthplace of Old Glory." In this little Colonial dwelling Betsy Ross, seamstress and Patriot, stitched the First American Flag.



The Liberty Bell, Philadelphia.

The Baptist Record

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

EDITORIAL

Whither America?

One cannot keep from asking the question, "Where is America headed?" Political candidates are shot down in the streets, and even Presidents!

Anarchist's bombs are used to wreck public buildings!

Howling mobs burn buildings on University campuses! Thank God, this is happening less frequently now.

Premarital sex, abortion, homosexuality, "adult only" movies, unfaithfulness in marriage, drug addiction, and other immoralities become the commonplace instead of the rarity, and now, even some so-called religious leaders defend them all.

Government leaders who are supposed to be responsible, advocate complete surrender to Communism.

Many main-line churches are losing their influence, seeing their congregations fade away, closing down much of their mission programs, and hear their preachers and theologians preach a "gospel" that is not a gospel at all, but denies the Word of God, and the very God and His Christ, who gave that revelation to the world. Moreover, those who still believe the Bible and preach its truths, are looked upon as reactionaries and as ignoramuses.

Great masses of people are organizing to demand that the government provide everything they need, with no labor at all on their part, not knowing, or simply ignoring the Bible admonition that he that does not work shall not eat. We are not opposing helping those who actually are in need, but we very strongly oppose providing government support for those able to work but who will not!

Hundreds of thousands of able bodied young men take off for other lands so that they may escape the draft, and then we hear the rising cry that they should receive amnesty, and no penalty for their acts.

We are fully conscious that America is in an unpopular war, and we join those who want us to honorably get out of it as quickly as we can. We do say "honorably" however, without abandonment of our prisoners of war, and of our troops who are still there, and of the millions of people who would lose their lives in a "blood bath" if we move out without some kind of settlement. We would hope that our nation never again gets involved in any kind of

war which we do not want to win, but when we are still in this one, let us back our President as he seeks with all diligence to get us out with some degree of safety and honor. It is a trying time for the nation, but it is not a time for revolution and rebellion.

What is the answer to all of these problems?

We can be sure that they will not be solved merely by the wisdom of men. Philosophers have come up with some interesting ideas, but they have not been able to think up a solution to the world's problems.

Science has done marvelous things to give us conveniences and easy living, and amazing achievements even beyond our imagination, but those same scientists also have built the instruments with which we can turn the entire world into a "hell" in a few hours time.

Sociologists have offered many panaceas to the world's ills, but they have not removed selfishness and hate and lust, and other sin.

Educators have amazed us with their learning, but their scholarship has not taught men how to live together.

Is there no answer, for America and the world?

Are we doomed for destruction, and that right soon?

Are those men right (and they are not just the preachers) who say that the world will not last until the year 2,000? That is twenty-eight years from now!

Long ago, the prophet Jeremiah in the eighth chapter of his prophecy, asked, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?"

His answer was that there was a physician, and that was God himself.

We know that his words still are true.

The only hope for America, the only hope for the world, yes, and the only hope for individual men is God!

And the hope that He offers centers in the Lord Jesus Christ!

And that hope is in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord, and not in trying to use his message to rebuild civilization.

Civilization cannot be rebuilt except as individual men are reborn. We are not going to change moral conditions,

or the attitudes of rebellious and godless men in America, or elsewhere, simply by trying to apply the principles of the Sermon on the Mount or the Golden Rule. Nor even by giving new emphasis to the Ten Commandments.

If the nations of men are to be changed, it must be through the personal regeneration of individuals. Social gospel advocates will deny this and challenge it, but let them show us a changed nation without regenerated men.

Actually, those who really know their Bibles and believe what it says, are not expecting the world system to be saved.

Nowhere does God promise to save a civilization like America's or any other.

What He promises is a new heaven and a new earth. That can be culminated only in His personal return.

The Bible clearly teaches that world conditions are going to get worse and worse until He comes.

Because of the signs which He said to watch for, as events occurring just before He appears, many believe that His coming may not be far away.

However, we do not know. The Bible does not set the time. It simply tells us to be ready. That is by being saved, and by living every day as if it were our very last.

Men without Christ look at the world situation, even in America, and say it is hopeless.

Those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, know that there is hope, and that no matter what may happen to the world, and even to America, when God gets ready to close His books, they will be on the victory side.

This is why it is so urgent that right now, every Christian and every church, proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ, the new birth which comes only by repenting of sin and believing in Him as the Saviour who died for our sins and rose again.

There is no other hope; no other!

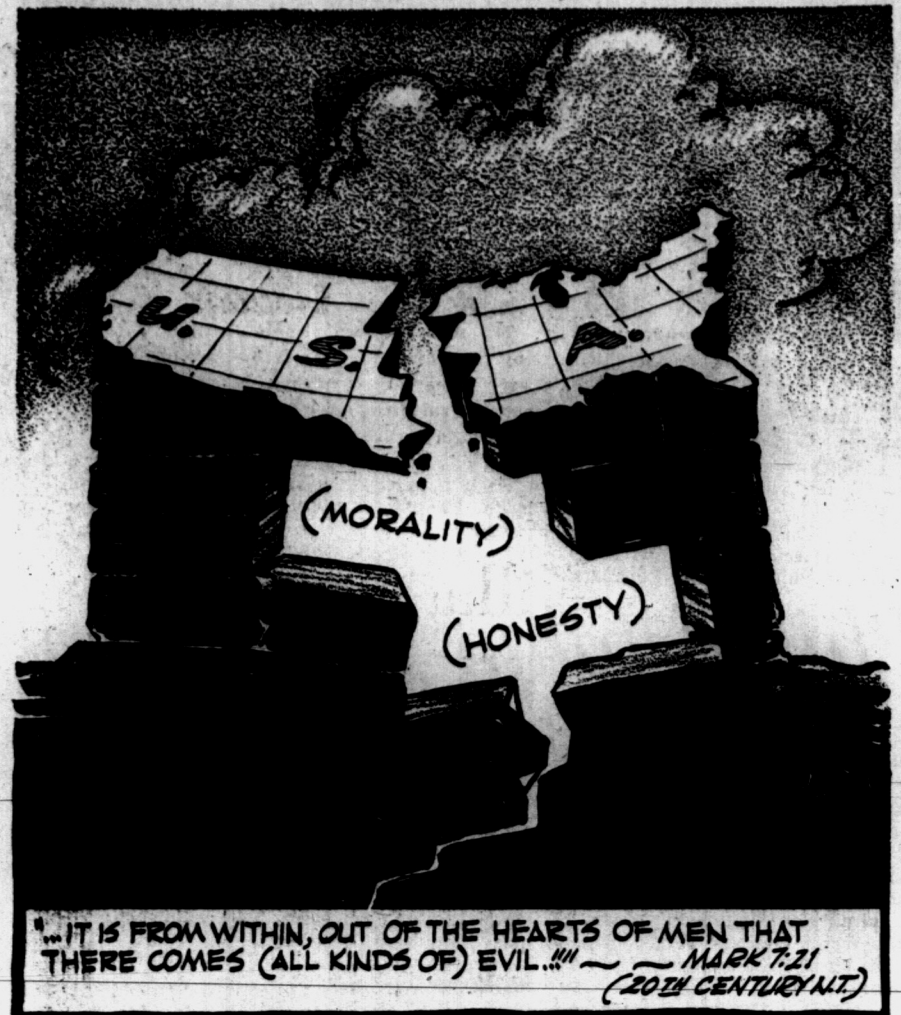
Another

Issue In Philadelphia

One issue which we overlooked in our discussion of the coming S. B. C. meeting in Philadelphia, was the recommendation coming from the Executive Committee that the Stewardship Commission be abolished and its work be placed back under the Executive Committee where it was located before the Commission was established.

This recommendation came to the Executive Committee from the "Committee of Fifteen" which is studying the whole Southern Baptist organizational structure, and was approved by the Executive Committee when it was recommended to it. However, the Convention itself must make the final decision.

It is probable that this recommendation will pass, although there is a possibility, and even a probability that there will be sharp debate concerning it. Some see in the proposal a move toward centralization of power in the Executive Committee and they do not like this. However, those favoring the move argue that since the Executive Committee has the responsibility for planning the spending of budget funds, and generally directing the financial program of the Convention, that it also should have responsibility in helping raise the funds.



Gaps in the Foundation?

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Do You Have A Resolution?

State Baptist Editors:

A few weeks ago the Baptist Press sent out an article (copy enclosed) asking that resolutions be sent in before the convention. Most papers reproduced it.

Response has been almost negligible. We are not interested in generating resolutions, but if there are resolutions being planned it will help the committee a great deal to have them ahead of time. It might help if you could call special attention to this.

Randall Lolley
F. B. Church
Winston Salem, N. C. 27101

EDUCATION - what's happening

"The great cry of today is for a return to individual dignity and integrity."

"I am absolutely certain that the present confusions and complexities of modern life demonstrate to a most remarkable degree the desperate need for more general education before professional training."

"Mass society needs personal concern and mutual respect among its people. We are learning that a quantity of things, standing alone, does not necessarily improve the quality of life."

"We are learning that the awakening of the mind is a predicate to the proper training of the mind. That can best be done in a place like Sewanee."

"(From the installation address of Dr. J. Jefferson Bennett as Chancellor of the University of the South at Sewanee, a church-related school of the size and quality of many Southern Baptist colleges)."

Thomas Jefferson believed there was a brotherly spirit of knowledge among men which unites into one family all its votaries of whatever grade and however widely dispersed through the different quarters of the globe. He could not conceive that the intelligentsia would be polarized as they are today in the Western World.

He was a humanist who recognized an aristocracy based on "virtue and talents," as opposed to "an artificial aristocracy found on wealth and birth, without either virtue or talents."

—Dr. Dumas Malone, University of Virginia, at the National Endowment for the Humanities Meeting

Father, concerning bearded son: "I've thought of a way to get him to shave it off. I'll tell him it makes him look distinguished."

On The MORAL SCENE...

A study prepared for Congress reports that the income gap between the poorest and the richest in America has nearly doubled in the past 20 years. Released by Senator William Proxmire (D-Wis.), chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, the study by two Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) economists also concludes that the poor "are asked to pay the price necessary to stop inflation for the rest of society." While there has been substantial growth in real income during the past two decades, the report says, the spread between the poorest and the richest sectors of society has widened. "The gap between the poorest one-fifth and richest one-fifth was \$10,565 in 1949," the study said. "Twenty years later in 1969 it was \$19,071."

(CNI Weekly Report (Community Nutrition Institute), March 30, 1972)

Schaal (Baker, paper, 122 pp., \$2.95). An easy to follow guide to understanding of the epistle to the Romans.

THE STORY OF LIFE by Ellis W. Whiting (Baker, pocketbook, paper, 86 pp., \$.95). A guide to parents on answering accurately and beautifully, children's questions concerning sex.



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

My World—My Home

My world—my home, to be truly Christian, must endeavor to carry out the Great Commission.

It must not center upon itself. There must be an awareness of the world just outside its window, just around its corner, just down its street, just across its towns, all along its highways, in its hedges.

The interior decoration of the people in my home must have as the theme of its decor love, the greatest trait in Christ.

The process of going from here, my world—my home, must not be a game of hop-scotch. When I leave here to go to a given place, I touch the world all the way from here to there.

When my home carries out the Great Commission, shall it send comfort to the sad in Cuba, hop-scotching over the house just outside its window where broken hearts fail to understand shattered dreams of life and health?

Shall it support denominational causes which fight for high morals, hop-scotching over the pool hall just around its corner?

Shall it feed the hungry in Pakistan, hop-scotching over the cases of malnutrition in the shanties or slums just across its town?

Shall it help send secular instruction in better ways of living to Egypt, hop-scotching over the desolation of lives along its highways?

Shall it help send missionaries to Europe, hop-scotching over the hedges around its state?

Undoubtedly my home must do all these things, go all these places, but it must not hop-scotch. For hop-scotching causes us to miss opportunities that will make us happiest.

When I go to Cuba by way of my neighbor's house I arrive in Cuba with a better understanding of shattered dreams, loss of health and possessions.

When I support denominational struggles for high morals, after I have observed the pool hall around my corner, I am incensed at its sordid, subtle appeal and will dedicate my prayers and gifts more generously to those who know how to fight such evils.

When I go to feed the hungry in Pakistan after I've helped to feed the hungry here, I am better able to have sympathy for the mother-heart there as she has difficulty in merely satisfying the hunger of her children. She is not faced with the frustration of deciding between ham, steak and chicken for dinner. She is faced with the frustration of not having proper treatment for the hunger pains of her family. Government agencies in America have arranged that Americans will not starve. That is not our fear, but we are admonished to care for one another in Christian love.

The Great Commission is for my family, as surely as if we'd been standing there when Christ spoke it.

The Baptist Record

515 Mississippi Street
Jackson, Miss. 39201

Joe T. Odle Editor
Joe Abrams Associate Editor
Anne McWilliams Editorial Associate
William H. Sellers Bus. Manager

Official Journal of the
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST
CONVENTION BOARD

W. Douglas Hudgins Executive Secretary
The Baptist Building
Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205

Baptist Record Advisory Committee: Kelly Dampier, Charleston; Paul H. Leber, Moss Point; G. O. Parker, Magee; Bob Ramsay, Tupelo; Purser Hewitt, Jackson; Hardy Denham, Newton.
Subscription \$3.00 a year payable in advance.
Published weekly except one week in July and one week in December.
Second Class Postage paid at Jackson, Mississippi.
The Baptist Record is a member of the Southern Press and the Evangelical Press Association.

The Billy Graham Invitation

Last September the Baptist Record said editorially that the time had come when Billy Graham should be invited back to Mississippi. This was based upon our own personal conviction, and also upon the feelings we sensed as we talked to others. The editorial received a most favorable response.

In recent months, individuals and groups interested in inviting the Graham team to return to the state have begun to get together, and recently a meeting was held in which more than 50 interested leaders from across the state, both pastors and laymen and women, participated. At this meeting there was enthusiastic support of the idea of asking Dr. Graham to return, and a small committee was appointed to pursue the matter further.

Your editor had the privilege of being one of those on the committee, and attended several of its meetings. The situation developed to where a part of the committee was asked to go to Birmingham where the Graham team was in

a crusade last week, to confer with it about the possible return to Jackson. The group was warmly received.

The visit was a most pleasant one, and included attendance at the Tuesday night service of the Greater Alabama Crusade. More than 40,000 persons were in the service, and we were greatly blessed and inspired by it.

The discussion with team members, and with Dr. Graham himself, was most encouraging, and it appears now that within a few weeks, representatives of the team will come to Jackson to confer with state Christian leaders about the possibility of their return. After that, the decision will be made as to whether they can come back, the type of crusade to be planned, and the date. The final decision will be up to the team itself.

Meanwhile, all of us who are interested in such a crusade, can begin to pray that if it is God's will for such a meeting, He will direct both in the acceptance and the planning.

NEWEST BOOKS

1972 Foreign Mission Series Focuses On Europe

EUROPE—A MISSION FIELD? by J. D. Hughey (Convention, paper, 122 pp., \$5.95). Europe is a mission field for Baptists, including Southern Baptists. This book is an attempt to present the European scene and to show how Baptists serve the cause of Christ in the special circumstances prevailing in Europe. It is the book for adults, in the 1972 Foreign Mission Graded Series. The author is the Foreign Mission Board's Secretary for Europe and the Middle East.

THEY HAVE SOUL by Pauline Moore (Convention Press, paper, 73 pp.). This mission study book tells the stories of five young people in Europe: the guitarist, the doubter, the dreamer, the camper, the rocker. The author, Mrs. John Allen Moore, who now serves in Switzerland, has been missionary to Europe since 1939. The book is designed for Youth, 1972 Foreign Mission Graded Series.

HIGHER THAN MONTGO by Indy Whitten (Convention Press, 76 pp., paper). This is the well-written, colorful, exciting story of Mari Sol, who celebrates her eleventh birthday at the Baptist camp at Denia, Spain. Not only does Mari Sol climb the mountain, Montgo, while she is at Denia, but she goes higher than that when she accepts Christ as her Savior. The author of this delightful story in Switzerland, has been a missionary mission study book is Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain, from Mississippi. For older children, the book is included in the 1972 Foreign Mission Graded Series.

A DAY WITH CARLO by Patsy Lawton (Convention Press, paper). This is the intriguing story of Carlo, who lives in Rivoli, Italy. It tells of his adventures on the day he starts to kindergarten at the Baptist church. The book, illustrated with extremely fine photographs, is the selection for younger children, in the 1972 Foreign Mission Graded Series. The author is a missionary to Italy.

BITE A BLUE APPLE by Bruce W. Neal (Abingdon, paper, 127 pp., \$2.45). The author combines the vivid samples of contemporary literature with illustrations from the Bible to weave a symbolic blue thread around these eleven chapters and offer "a fresh glimpse of faith in a life of risk." He has taken a novel approach, each chapter taking its title from something blue—"Blue Roses," "Ballade of Blue China," "The Blue Dog," "Blue Sky Through Fog," etc.

TO ME IT'S WONDERFUL by Ethel Waters (Harper and Row, 162 pp., \$5.95). Ethel Waters long has enjoyed fame as an actress and singer, but the richest period of her life began when she "came home to Jesus" during a Billy Graham Crusade, and turned her life over to the Lord. She says that she was saved early in life, but did not really begin to live for her Lord until the New York Crusade, which the Lord led her attend, and where she had a life changing experience. One probably never will understand the true meaning of Christ to Ethel Waters until he reads this "testimony." She relates the story of her childhood and youth,

the time in which she came to Christ as Saviour, but then left him behind as she pursued a career in show business. Success was hers, but not peace of heart and mind. That she found in Madison Square Garden in 1937. Her life since then has been one of growth and witness, and the testimony of her faith is moving, exciting and stirring. The book will strengthen any reader as a testimony of what God can do with one life.

FORBIDDEN LOVE by John Drakeford (Word, 149 pp., \$4.95). A story from life telling how a religious leader had his life wrecked by homosexuality. Disgrace, a broken home, a jail sentence, and all the tragedy that life can experience came to this one man. His battle to come back and the help he found in people who were close to God makes a startling story.

THE CHURCH BEFORE THE WATCHING WORLD by Francis A. Schaeffer (InterVarsity Press, 105 pp., paper, pocketbook size, \$1.25). A widely known spiritual leader discusses what religious liberalism is doing and will do to the modern church. An answer to the problem is offered.

THE RETURNS OF LOVE by Alex Davidson (InterVarsity Press, 93 pp., paper, \$1.50). The sub-title reads "A Contemporary Christian View of Homosexuality." This is a discussion of an issue disturbing some Christian areas today.

THE ROYAL ROMAN ROAD by John H.

Miss

Upon the
er, execut
ern Plain
Pioneer M
Mississippi
has appoint
serve for
Montana

Chi

The Bapt
rently obs
"diamond"
pi Baptists
dren in J
attention t
its child o
is describe
of children
in today's
and admin
of the Vill
cy" involv
ministry."
tion emph
a Christian
agency, a
tered" ag
lage's cam
and expan
the most i
sential" de

As exp
Paul N. N
on the Jac
sists of 2
into team
ciated ho
serving th
dwelling-h
on the Fl
These tea
under the
rection of
resents th
home life
cumbered
every fac
Jackson
structured
with the c
a stable a
is staffed
bers from
many ins
campus,
band, and
these two
In all ins
parents as
tage make
the childr
assuming
sponsibilit
has been
sisted and
rected, in
render to
Rodgers,
is someti
visor of m
parents."
of cottag
mitted ch
ing trans
to all it
ity in all
pline rest

Accordi
and girls
Children's
led reason
ent inabil
of the na
quate car
to the ch
Nunnery
creasing
years, th
home ap
what he
en living
and spiri
one or m
by critica
tional an
child from
breakdow
ties of th
large pe
youth pla
lage, acc
signed to
a court,

Missis

Select

For R

Kaye B
Mrs. Her
ings, has

dent. She
ies there

Mississippi Appoints Ten College Youths To Serve Ten Weeks In Montana



Upon the request of Dr. John Baker, executive secretary of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, the Pioneer Missions Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has appointed ten college youths to serve for ten weeks this summer in Montana.

The eight girls and two boys will be engaged in Vacation Bible School work, area and community surveys, and revival meetings from June until August in various places throughout Montana.

Each applicant was recommended by the Baptist Student Union Director on his campus, supplied several references, and was interviewed by a subcommittee of the Pioneer Missions Committee prior to appointment. They all completed an orientation at Camp Garaywa in preparation for the summer.

Departure will be from Jackson on June 12 for Rapid City, South Dakota. Pictured above, they are left to right: Billie Ruth Blalock, Columbus, Mississippi Delta Junior College; Carlton Campbell, Natchez, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College; Josanne Ellis, Raymond, Hinds Junior College; Judy Fortenberry, Ellisville, Missis-

issippi College; Nell Graves, Ackerman, MSCW; Susan Langston, Jackson, William Carey College; Judy McCollum, Tomsboro, William Carey College; Mildred Peacock, Crestview, Florida, Clarke College; Cobran Edwards, Tupelo, Mississippi College; Emma Spencer, Columbus, Clarke College.

Hobbs To Retire

On January 1, 1973

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1961-63, announced his plans to retire as pastor of the First Baptist Church here effective Jan. 1, 1973.

Announcement of his retirement plans came just one week after Hobbs observed his 23rd anniversary as pastor of the church.

Hobbs, who will be 65 on Oct. 24, told the congregation he was retiring from the pastorate, but not from the ministry.

"If God permits, it is my hope to continue writing, preaching on The Baptist Hour as long as it seems wise to do so, holding Bible conferences and revivals on occasion, and doing whatever else the Lord wills in the life of our beloved denomination, as my health and strength will permit," Hobbs said.

His physician had advised him to retire at the first of next year. Last May, Hobbs suffered a heart attack and blood clot, and was hospitalized again in the summer with a flu virus. He returned to the pulpit in September after five months of recuperation. He said his health is now good.

Hobbs joins two others Southern Baptist Convention former presidents who recently announced plans to retire. J. D. Grey, president of the convention from 1951-53, is retiring as pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans; and Ramsey Pollard, president of the SBC from 1959-61 preceding Hobbs, will retire as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Children's Village Social Service Staff Expanded

The Baptist Children's Village, currently observing its seventy-fifth or "diamond" anniversary as Mississippi Baptists' home for dependent children in Jackson, frequently invites attention to the changing structures of its child care ministry to meet what is described as "the challenging needs of children, the home and the family in today's complex society." Trustees and administration describe the role of the Village as a "child care agency" involved in "a general child care ministry." Authorities at the institution emphasize an effort to maintain a Christian "family-centered" service agency, as opposed to a "child-centered" agency, and describe the Village's campus-based child care staff and expanded social service staff as the most important and the most essential departments of the work.

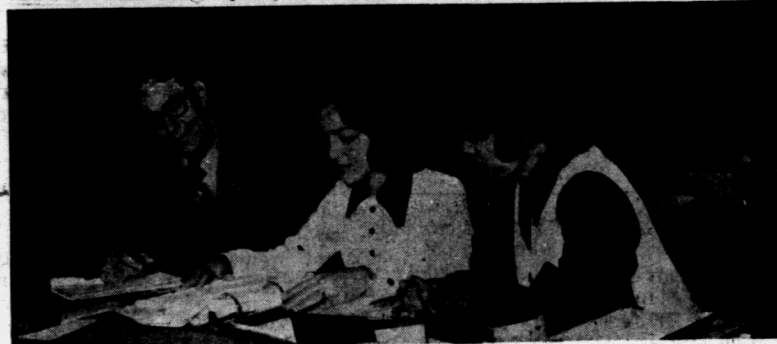
As explained by Superintendent Paul N. Nunnery, the child care staff on the Jackson campus presently consists of 27 houseparents, organized into teams of houseparents and associated houseparents living with and serving the boys and girls in the dwelling-houses, known as "cottages" on the Flag Chapel Drive Campus. These teams of houseparents serve under the personal supervision and direction of T. Deane Rodgers, who represents the Village administration as home life director, and who is entrusted with the responsibility for every facet of life and work on the Jackson campus.

Each cottage, structured and operated in accord with the customs of living patterns of a stable and Christian private home, is staffed by at least two team members from the houseparent staff. In many instances on the Village campus, these two adults are husband and wife; in other instances, these two adults are two single ladies. In all instances, the team of houseparents assigned to a designated cottage make their homes and lives with the children who live in that cottage, assuming all of the authority and responsibility of substitute parents. It has been explained that they are assisted and supported, as well as directed, in the service ministry they render to the children by Mr. Rodgers, the home life director, who is sometimes described as "the supervisor of and spokesman for the houseparents." Final decisions in the choice of cottage placement for newly-admitted children and in issues involving transfer of children from one cottage to another and final responsibility in all matters relating to discipline rest in the home life director.

According to Mr. Nunnery, boys and girls are referred to The Baptist Children's Village for many and varied reasons, all relating to the apparent inability, temporary or otherwise, of the natural home to afford adequate care, supervision and training to the children born into that home. Nunnery states that to an ever-increasing degree in recent months and years, the disabilities of the natural home appear to be occasioned by what he has characterized as mistaken living patterns, especially in moral and spiritual areas; by the death of one or more of the natural parents; by critical illnesses, physical, emotional and mental; by "alienation of child from family"; and by a general breakdown of the traditional securities of the private home. A very large percentage of children and youth placed for care with the Village, according to Nunnery, are assigned to Village custody by order of a court, but every child received by



The social service staff at the Village includes, left to right: Mrs. Kay Courch, case worker; Mrs. Clarene Peterson, case worker; Mrs. Claire Nowlin, department director; Miss Carolyn Jackson, psychological assistant; and Mrs. Annette Grayson, case worker.



Village child care and social service personnel in a consultation meeting. Right to left: T. Deane Rodgers, home life director; Mrs. Claire Nowlin, director of the Social Service Department; Mrs. Peggy S. Taylor, administrative assistant to Social Service.

the Village for care is admitted with the written consent and recommendation of a local Baptist church in Mississippi.

Child care workers at The Baptist Children's Village maintain that the reasons which dictate placement of boys and girls for care outside their natural homes, and the complex moral, spiritual, social and emotional problems which so frequently accompany children who come to the Village for care, require a Christian ministry, which includes the daily attention of highly trained and experienced social case workers and related professional and clinical personnel who are especially fitted by disposition, temperament and talent to work with children and natural families

who are in a state of crisis. The same workers maintain that the recent growth, expansion and refinement of the Village's social service staff and the ministries which they make possible, represent a fitting tribute to Baptist child care in this, the seventy-fifth year of life to the Children's Village. It has been revealed that the Social Service staff at the Village presently consists of five workers, including a psychological assistant with special training, who, on a full-time basis, is engaged in social and psychological testing procedures with every child admitted to Village care or referred to the Village for a service. Each of the social case workers in the Social Department Department is

assigned a "case-load" which means that the worker is engaged daily in case work and counselling with children and their adult next-of-kin on a family group basis. All of the efforts of social service staff at the Village, with the children, with the natural families of the children and with the houseparents of the children on the Village campus are directed toward a dual goal of resolving children and family difficulties as thoroughly and as rapidly as possible and restoring the children to the relative normalcy of private living as quickly as safety and common sense allow, preferring first, the children's natural home. The Social Service Department at The Baptist Children's Village is involved in this effort not only with the boys and girls in Village custody on the Jackson campus, but also those who live in the Village's own system of 40 to 50 private homes across the state serving as "foster homes" and the new off-campus cottage or "satellite home" which the Village operates in New Albany. The social service staff at the Village also ministers to youth and their natural families faced with moral, social or emotional crises in the natural home which indicate the need for professional counsel and guidance with the youth being retained in the custodial care of his natural home. According to the staff at the Village, this important and confidential Village service is sometimes referred to as a "preventative service" or an "out-patient service."

Mrs. Claire Nowlin, ACSW, a social worker with graduate training and experience serves as Director of the Department of Social Service at the Village and as the personal supervisor of the New Albany satellite home. Mrs. Peggy S. Taylor, a veteran of eight years experience as a social case worker at the Village, rejoined the staff on March 1, 1972 as an administrative assistant with specialized duty in social service areas. Mrs. Taylor represents the administration in all matters relating to the admission or discharge of children from Village custody, and in the transfer of children from campus care to foster home care or to satellite home care, and enters the final decision for the Village administration in all such matters.

All of the work of the child care staff and the social service staff at The Baptist Children's Village is performed under the advice and guidance of a clinical psychologist, engaged in private practice of child psychology in the Jackson area, and serving The Baptist Children's Village as consulting psychologist.

Village observers assert that never in the 75-year history of the agency have children and their families who come to Mississippi Baptists for a service received more thorough, studied and professional attention than is presently delivered by the Jackson agency. Trustees and administration emphasized that these services are somewhat peculiar in that all of the professional and clinical facets of the ministry are delivered by dedicated Christians, serving in an atmosphere which is deliberately structured in accord with the safety of the Christian home.

Rock Hill (Rankin) To Dedicate New Bldg.

Rock Hill Church, Rankin County, will dedicate their new building on Sunday, May 28. Rev. Carey Cox, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Jackson, will preach the dedication sermon in the 11 a.m. service.

Lunch will not be served at the church. However, open house in the new building will be held from 2 to 4 p.m.

Rev. W. J. Murray, pastor, extends an invitation to the public.

New Zion To Celebrate Pastor's Anniversary

New Zion Church, Simpson County, near Braxton, will observe Homecoming on May 28. That date will also mark Pastor R. G. (Bob) Stewart's first anniversary at New Zion.

Rev. Noel Barlow will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service. A special attendance goal of 100 has been set for the Sunday School, which begins at 9:45. Following dinner on the grounds, gospel singing will begin at 1:30. There will be no evening services.



Miss Carolyn Jackson, psychological assistant at The Baptist Children's Village, discusses her work with her department head, Mrs. Claire Nowlin.

Billy Graham Will Make Six-Day Trip To Ireland

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham announced here that he would make a six-day visit to Ireland.

He said he would not attempt to solve the Irish political situation, but would seek to carry a message of love, emphasizing the biblical message of reconciliation.

The visit will include three days in Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland, and three days in Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, Mr. Graham said.

Though he will not be conducting an evangelistic crusade, he will fill some speaking engagements, including an address at Queen's University in Belfast, a television appearance and an address to a gathering of some 2,000 people he said Prime Minister John Lynch was helping to organize in Dublin.

Reporting that the pressure of other commitments had led him to turn down numerous invitations to visit Ireland in recent years, Mr. Graham declared, "I suspect we made a mistake."

A group led by Belfast businessman William Fitch were among those extending the present invitation, he said.

Mr. Graham, speaking at a news conference during his crusade here, did not give an exact date for his arrival in Ireland. But he said he would leave during the week of May 28 and go first to England to rest a couple of days before undertaking his engagements in Ireland.

His wife, already in England, will meet him there, but will not accompany him to Ireland, he said.

In addition to his public engagements in Ireland, Mr. Graham said, he will have private meetings with Irish leaders in both North and South.

He stressed that he would address only groups that were "integrated."

including both Catholics and Protestants, and that he would not attempt to fill a political role. He said he had not been in contact with the State Department regarding his trip.

Mr. Graham reported that he had asked some British church leaders to look at the Irish situation and advise him whether to accept the invitations to visit there. He said they advised him to accept.

Asked whether he feared for his safety during the trip, Mr. Graham replied that he thought there was more danger in the United States.

He emphasized that he was going to Ireland to learn rather than to offer solutions, and said he might have something to say about the situation after his visit. But he commented that he did not want to be like some "one day wonders" he said had come from the northern part of the U. S. into the South in past years to study the racial situation.

While in Europe, Mr. Graham said, he will also visit offices of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Britain and on the Continent. He is scheduled to return for an address to the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia in June.

Herrin To Speak At Calvary, Pascagoula

Ralph Herrin of Collins, an outstanding and prominent Baptist layman and denominational leader, will be the guest speaker Sunday morning, May 28, at Calvary Church, Pascagoula. Mr. Herrin has served in the Mississippi State Legislature, and 20 years as President of the Covington County Baptist Brotherhood. He is nationally known as a public speaker, in churches and civic clubs. Rev. Byron Mathis is pastor at Calvary.

Mississippian Is Selected As Pianist For Ridgecrest

Kaye Batson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Batson of Crystal Springs, has been selected to serve as pianist for Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, for the entire summer.

Kaye has just completed her freshman year at William Carey College as a music student. She plans to continue her studies there next fall.



RICHMOND (BP)—A crisis in Baptist work in Indonesia will be eased next fall when one unit of a newly constructed hospital is opened in the town of Bukittinggi on the island of Sumatra. A missionary physician, Kathleen Jones, explained the situation while attending a medical missions conference here. In June, Dr. Winfield Applewhite, former Mississippian, is scheduled to transfer to Bukittinggi from the Baptist Hospital in Kediri, Java. He will join Nurse Everley Hayes in making preparations to open the 50-bed hospital, Dr. Jones said.

NASHVILLE (BP)—Charging that Baptists are still indexing their periodicals "in a horse and buggy fashion... within sight of the 21st century," the president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society called for developing a computerized master model of inexpensive indexing of Baptist newspapers, periodicals, minutes and other publications. F. Wilbur Helmbold, director of libraries at Samford University in Birmingham, made the appeal in a major address at a joint session of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Historical Society here. Helmbold stated that no scientist would allow his institution to be without such a master index system, yet Baptists continue using out-of-date and inadequate methods of indexing their periodicals. Rollin S. Armour, professor of religion at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., was elected new president of the SBC Historical Society. Named vice president was R. A. McLemore, retired president of Mississippi College, Clinton. He added that the cost of developing such a system is beyond the reach of any single Baptist group, but it is well within the reach of "our combined store of knowledge and support."



Only a Label?

Is that all your denomination is to you?

Joe Odle believes it should be much more. In this book, he has brought together top Baptist leaders such as Billy Graham, W. A. Criswell, and John Bisagno. Each of them testifies boldly about his Baptist background. They prove how important it is for every Baptist to have a sound knowledge of his beliefs and a pride in his denomination's heritage. Read their inspiring words and you'll join them in saying, "It's a joy and a privilege to be a Baptist!"

WHY I AM A BAPTIST compiled by JOE T. ODLE

At Your Baptist Book Store



\$3.50

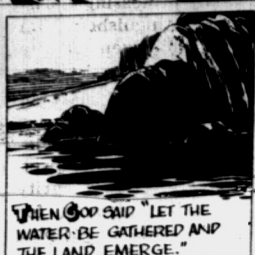
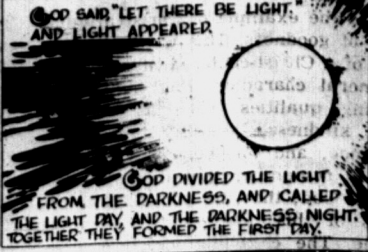


BROADMAN

125 N. President St. • Jackson, MS 39201 • (601) 354-3417

Bible Adventures Illustrated

DEAD GENESIS CHAPTER 1



Note: The above cartoon, in comic strip style, is the first in a series that is to be continued weekly. The series will present stories from the Bible.

Church Briefs 30 Residents Of School Sing In Ellisville State Choir

Heuck's Retreat Church, Lincoln County, announces that May 28 will be Homecoming Day. Rev. R. A. Coulter, Jr., former pastor of the church, will be the guest speaker for the afternoon. The day's offering will be designated for the improvement and upkeep of the cemetery. A fellowship meal at noon will be a big event of the day. Rev. Victor Johnson is pastor.

Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, ordained Carroll Camp to the gospel ministry on May 14. A member of the Ridgecrest Church while attending Mississippi College, Camp is the son of the late Richmond Venable Camp of Meridian, and Mrs. Hester Blaine of Jackson. Southwestern Seminary awarded him the B.D. degree on May 12. He and his wife, Cheryl, have been called to lead the Baptist church at Monetta, South Carolina. An ordaining council made up of Chaplain Nolan Brister, Rev. Dale Horton, Rev. Tom Douglas, all members of Ridgecrest, and Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor, took part in the service of ordination. Deacon Chairman John McDavid presented the young minister with a pulpit Bible, which was a gift of the church.

Main Street, Hattiesburg has called Malcolm Stuart to serve as minister of evangelism and youth. This is the first time the church has had such an individual on the staff. Mr. Stuart was born in Hattiesburg, the son of a missionary pastor. He graduated from Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr. is pastor.

First Church, Yazoo City, held a dedication service May 14 for Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ellison, who will work with the Foreign Mission Board in Israel for the next several months. Mr. Ellison is retired from his position at Mississippi Chemical Corporation where he has been safety director for First, Yazoo City for almost sixteen years. They plan to leave the first week of June for their temporary home in Jerusalem. Also recognized at the dedication service was Anne White, who will be summer missionary to Montana. Guest speaker was Dr. Roy McGlamery, missionary to Gaza. Rev. James Yates is the pastor.

Arm Baptist Church will on May 28 have its annual homecoming. The church will have regular services in the morning. Lunch will be served at noon and a special service will start at 2 p.m. There will be special music in the afternoon service and Rev. Luther Price will bring the afternoon message. All former pastors, members and friends of Arm Church are invited. Rev. Roy Lamar is pastor.

Union Church, Rankin County, will hold annual homecoming services Sunday, May 28. Rev. T. L. Everett, former pastor, as guest speaker. Lunch will be served at the noon hour. The afternoon service will be devoted to singing. The Rankin County Singing Convention Members will be guests, along with other singers. Rev. J. T. Pannell, pastor, extends a cordial invitation to all.

The Ellisville State School Choir is composed of 30 retarded residents who sing for the glory of God. Many of the choir members cannot read, but "memorizing" takes reading's place. It takes almost one year for the choir to learn one song as it should be sung. "We feel that just because some have one or more handicaps, this does not interfere with what we want to or can do. We just remember that 'Where there's a will, there's a way,' states the choir director, Miss Lane Wigington.

Performances of choir members consist of solos, duets, trios, instrumentals, and rhythm numbers. A new addition is the inspiring number performed in the sign language by two young men who are deaf. As of May 4, they only knew one song, but it is the director's desire for them to learn the entire program in the sign language so that they too, can feel more a part of the program.

Love offerings, refreshments, etc., are optional to churches and schools, as there is no performance charge.

At present, the choir is saving love offerings for a "long hoped for" trip

to Six Flags Over Texas as this probably would be the only means of some of the members ever visiting a neighboring state. All contributions to this fund should be labeled "Ellisville State School Choir Fund", and mailed to the following: Miss Lane Wigington, Ellisville State School, Ellisville, Ms. 39437.

Bookings now are being made for months of August, September, October, November, and December. If interested, call or write Miss Wigington. Her telephone is 477-8541, ext. 51 work or 477-8850 home.

Rev. R. F. Moore, pastor of Union Church, Perry Association, says "This choir has proved to be a blessing throughout much of Mississippi; in almost every church where they sing there are professions of faith and rededications. I will recommend this choir to any church as a means of reaching people with the gospel. Miss Wigington is one of the finest of Christian people and her ability to lead the choir is a spiritual blessing."

MDJC's BSU Director Accepts Arkansas Post

John Gilbert has resigned as Baptist student director at Mississippi Delta Junior College, Moorhead, in order to accept a similar position at Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville, Arkansas. A tea was held honoring Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert on Sunday afternoon, May 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the BSU Center in Moorhead, and a love gift of money was presented to them. He has been BSU director at MDJC for four years.

Mrs. Granville Watson, wife of the pastor of Moorhead Baptist Church, has been elected as interim director until a new director is called. A full program of summer activities is planned at the college.

Sixty Years Of Service

In a recent ceremony at Oak Grove Church, Route 3, Mendenhall, Frank Barnett, right, was presented a Bible with his name engraved in gold for his more than sixty years of faithful service as director of church music. His pastor, Rev. Billy R. Thomas, left, made the presentation in behalf of the church.

MC Friends To Meet For Coffee In Phila.

Alumni and friends of Mississippi College attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., are invited to a coffee planned for Wednesday, June 7.

The get-together will be held in the Constitution Room of the Sheraton Hotel from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Dr. Lewis Nobles, college president, along with other administrative personnel, will be on hand to greet all visitors. Persons attending the Convention are also invited to visit the Mississippi College booth which will be set up in the Convention Center.

Children are a comfort to us in our old days, and they help us reach it a lot sooner.

Revival Dates

Glendale Church, Leland: May 28-June 4; Dr. Perry Claxton, former pastor, First Church, Greenville, evangelist; Sammy Crawford, Hollendale Church, singer; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. R. Chittom, pastor.

Holly Grove Church (Simpson): May 31-June 3; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. A. J. Pace, pastor, Star Church, evangelist; James Beasley, music director, Star Church, singer; Rev. Troy Grubbs, pastor.

North Greenwood Calls Pastor

North Greenwood Church, Greenwood, has called as pastor Dr. Walter Lee Yeldell, Sr.

Born in Crossett, Arkansas, Dr. Yeldell received his B. A. degree from Ouachita University and Th.M. degree from Southern Seminary.

During World War II he served as chaplain in the U.S. Army.

Upon completion of his seminary work he was called to First Church, Clarksville, Arkansas. He has served two other churches in Arkansas: First Church, West Memphis, and more recently Second Church, Hot Springs.

Ouachita Baptist University bestowed the honorary D. D. degree upon him in 1965.

Dr. Yeldell served for five years as Chairman of the Board of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. He served for seven years on the Executive Board of Arkansas Baptist Convention. In 1963 he was elected President of Arkansas Baptist State Convention, serving for two terms. At the present time he is a trustee of Southern Seminary and a trustee of Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, where he is Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Yeldell was married to the former Emma Catherine Boswell of Owensboro, Kentucky, during his seminary days. They have four children: Mrs. Jerry Staley of Bloomington, Indiana; Mrs. Larry Thrash of Hope, Arkansas; Debbie Jane Yeldell and Walter Lee Yeldell, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Yeldell will move to Greenwood on May 29. They will be at home at 504 East Monroe, Greenwood, after that date.

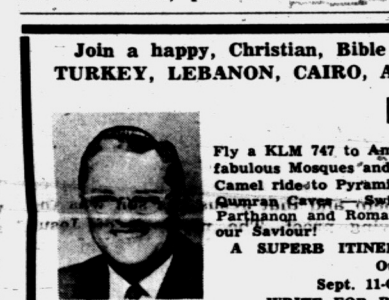


Como Church: May 28-June 4; youth-led crusade; services at 7:30 p.m.; Fred Williams, Jr., crusade director; Rev. Clyde Rogers, pastor; Rev. David Wilson, native of Florida and a senior at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, at left above, evangelist; Jeff Wood, at right, junior at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala., an accomplished trumpet player and singer who is a member of the Jacksonville State Band, in charge of music. (There will be morning activities Monday through Friday beginning at 9 a.m. children, sixth grade and under; this is to be called "The Children's Cavalcade.") These activities will include Bible study, films, singing, recreation, refreshments, contests, and worship periods. All children in the area are invited.)

Bogue (Washington County): May 28-June 4; services at 7:30 p.m., including Saturday; Dr. Charles Melton of Clarke College, evangelist; Sid Martin, Southside, Greenville, song leader; Rev. E. C. Farr, pastor. (Sunday, May 28, will be Homecoming Day and there will be old-fashioned dinner on the grounds. Dr. Melton will bring the homecoming message. All friends and former members are invited.)



Macedonia (Lebanon): May 28-June 2; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Clyde Williams, at left above, evangelist; Leon Westerhouse, right, singer; Rev. Richard White, pastor.



Join a happy, Christian, Bible teaching tour to SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, LEBANON, CAIRO, ATHENS, CORINTH, ROME and the HOLY LAND

Fly a KLM 747 to Amsterdam — Vacation in Swiss Alps — See the fabulous Mosques and Palaces of Istanbul — Visit Izmir, Ephesus — Camel ride to Pyramids and Sphinx — Archaeology at Tyre, Baalbek, Qumran, Caesarea, Swine in Dead Sea — Boat ride on Galilee — See Parthian and Roman Catacombs — Above all, follow the steps of our Savior!

A SUPERB ITINERARY WITH EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP!

Our eight Holy Land Tour:

Sept. 11-Oct. 2, 1972 — \$1095 all inclusive

WRITE FOR BROCHURE: DR. GERALD B. STANTON

11115 Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401

Most everyone knows of the dangers of cancer and other major diseases, and what is involved in costs for treatment. But not everyone knows that protection is available to cover the expense of treatment of cancer, polio, meningitis, encephalitis and other major diseases. At Blue Cross-Blue Shield, we offer Revised Catastrophic Illness Endorsement (RCIE), that assures protection for you and your family against high medical costs. You can add \$5,000 or \$10,000 coverage to your basic Blue Cross-Blue Shield for very little cost. With this added protection, hospital services, special nursing care, doctor's fees, and other major expenses are covered. Persons under 65 who have never had cancer are eligible. If cancer is too frightening to think about, think what it would cost to pay for its treatment—without Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

*SM cancer coverage available for people over 65.

MISSISSIPPI HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE / P. O. BOX 1043 / JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD

"Covers you best, when you need it most!"

The cure for cancer will come. The answer for its expensive treatment is already here.

See Your Blue Cross-Blue Shield Man for Complete Details.

YOU'RE NOT DEAF! but your hearing may be OUT OF FOCUS

If you know when people are talking, but can't hear every word they say — YOU'RE NOT DEAF. Your hearing has slipped out of focus. ZENITH can help put your world into focus again. Simply, inexpensively, almost invisibly modern hearing science can bring you perfect clarity at last. FREE: A TRUE-LIFE REPLICATION of the smallest ZENITH ever made, to anyone answering this advertisement. It's yours to keep. FREE. Wear-test it at home, privately — without cost or obligation of any kind!

SEND THIS COUPON TODAY! Without obligation send me my FREE inactive ZENITH MODEL Z-70 REPLICATION

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

CAPITAL HEARING AID CENTER
708 East Fortification, Jackson, Ms. 39201



YOUR CHURCH HAS DECIDED TO BUY A NEW ORGAN. GET ALL THE FACTS

The first step in the selection of a new organ is the assembling of all available facts. It costs nothing to find out why Rodgers has become the choice of today's discriminating churches.



A Consideration Of The Church's Need For Renewal

By Clifton J. Allen
Colossians 3:1-7; 1 Peter 4:12-13;
Revelation 2:1-7; 3:14-22

A consideration of the church's need for renewal is an appropriate conclusion of this study of the nature of the church and its mission. Always the church is in need of renewal, but particularly now this need is urgent. Recent decades have brought cataclysmic changes in the world order. Research and technology have outdistanced research in theology. The church in its universal sense has lacked the understanding, and vision and power and motivation needed for the Christian mission in the modern world. What has been true of the church as the whole body of Christ is applicable to local churches. Hence the urgent need for renewal, for a fresh awareness of the reality and lordship of Christ, for a new grasp of the eternal gospel, for a deep and

profound understanding of its message and mission, and for a new yield- edness to the presence and working of the Holy Spirit.

The Lesson Explained
A Creative Relationship
Verses 1-4

These verses challenge Christians to a Christ-centered life. The opening clause assumes the Christian experience of regeneration. On this assumption, surely Christians are expected to seek the things which pertain to Christ and set their affections steadfastly on the values which are in Christ. This means desiring the pleasure of Christ, trying to do the will of Christ, turning to Christ for forgiveness and strength, and trying to share in his love and concern for all the people of the world. A creative relationship with Christ is cultivated by prayer and obedience and service. What else can rightly come first in a Christian's life? How incongruous and sinful to give first place to the pleasures and appetites and ambitions of earth when one's life is hid with Christ in God!

A Clear-Cut Break With Evil
Verses 5-11

Renewal in the church calls for the renunciation of the sinful pleasures and practices of worldliness and wickedness. There can be no halfway measure. Paul's challenge to Christians is that they put to death or kill the inclinations which, when yielded to, result in the degraded life of godlessness and immorality. The vile attitudes and deeds of lust and evil desire must be given up. Likewise, covetousness, really idolatry, must be renounced. If Christians indulge in wickedness, they can expect the severe consequences of God's chastening. Christians must renounce anger and wrath and malice and slander and foul speaking and lying. They are under obligation to live on an altogether different plane, to show that the new man in Christ is being renewed more and more in the likeness of Christ himself.

A Disciplined Commitment
To Goodness
Verses 12-17

Renewal in the church calls for fol-

lowing the example of Christ in qualities of goodness. This is the positive side of a Christ-centered life in terms of moral character. Paul names inspiring qualities, such as compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and forgiveness. Christians are to remember that they are chosen of God; they are set apart as objects of his love and redeeming grace. The crowning virtue is love, which above everything else should characterize the people of God. In the Christian fellowship the peace of Christ should rule, a peace which comes from Christ and encourages trust and obedience. Thankfulness to God is also a virtue never to be forgotten. A means toward the attainment of these beautiful qualities of goodness is constant attention to the word of Christ, also fidelity in worship as Christians teach and admonish one another and engage in praise and thankfulness to God. Renewal will come to the church when there is hunger and thirst for the righteousness of Christ and joy and zeal in doing the work of Christ.

Truths to Live By

Repentance is the first step toward renewal.—All too many churches are paralyzed by the indifference, world-

liness, and covetousness of many of the members. Too many professing Christians are known for habits of strong drink, for lustful sex relationships, for acts of dishonesty, for cruel and vicious attitudes of discrimination toward persons of other races, and for covetous absorption in the love of money and desire for gain. These only illustrate some of the ways in which many professing Christians are often not distinguished from unbelievers and people given over to evil.

Renewal calls for a new style of life for Christians. — This calls for Christian love in interpersonal relationships, for chastity and self-discipline in the area of sex, for integrity in dealings with other persons, for generosity and kindness in helping other persons, for forgiveness for wrongdoing on the part of other persons, for patience in suffering affliction, for courage in facing opposition to the cause of Christ, and for exhibiting self-denial and sacrifice in living by the spirit of the cross. Renewal will come to the church when the people of God are willing to drink the cup which Jesus drank and be baptized with the baptism with which he was baptized. This means that they will have given up ambition for recognition and greatness and will be willing to be servants of mankind in the name of Christ.

Renewal is for the worship and

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Wayside Witnessing To A Samaritan

Acts 8:1-40
By Bill Duncan

Jesus told a story about a sower who went out in the field to plant. Some seed fell on good ground and some seeds fell by the wayside. The persecution that the church received by Saul and the Pharisees "scattered the seed." It scattered the believers and they went about preaching the word. Our lesson is about what happened when the people scattered the seed among people other than Jews. The reception was shocking even to the church. Because of the national pride of the Jews, they considered the Samaritans and Ethi-

opians unproductive soil, but the church was faithful and many were saved. The pure Jewish institution was changing.

Philip was, like Stephen, one of the seven deacons. When the persecution scattered the church, Philip went to the Samaritans who were half Jews and half Gentile in social descent. Then as to the incident of the Ethiopian eunuch. This was one more step toward the world mission that Jesus gave to the church. For truly the believers were to be a fellowship that included people from all the sections of the world. Unconsciously the church by Philip's obedience took on the spirit of Christ.

In Samaria

For centuries the Jews and the Samaritans had been split by national pride on the part of the Jews. The fact that Philip preached a revival in Samaria, shows the church taking one of the most important steps in history, for it seems that those who were scattered realized that Christ was for the whole world.

The preaching of Christ in Samaria produced great results. The people of that country realized that God loved them and that Jesus His son was the living proof. The message of Jesus convicted the people and belief was the result. They needed to be saved from their sin like all people. There were signs of God's presence in the movement in Samaria. Faith brought healing. "Christianity has never been a thing of words only. It brought light to men's minds and healing to their bodies. The atmosphere that resulted was joyful. For truly the joy of Christ had never been known in these hearts. True faith in Christ produces joy wherever it comes."

It could have been that God used the occasions of persecution to help these to believe. After the work that Philip did, Peter and John came and preached the gospel in many villages. John once wanted to burn them up (Luke 9:55) but now he too has a new spirit. Most likely Philip, Peter and John joined together for the additional work.

But it was the layman deacon that opened the door for the apostles. We need more men like Philip that will follow God's will faithfully.

To the Ethiopian

The gospel is reaching out from the

pure Jews, to the half Jews, to a worshiper of God but a Gentile. This Ethiopian was a student of Judaism and worshiped God as did the Jews, but was of another race. There was a large number who were called God-fearers.

Notice the eagerness of Philip in witnessing to the Ethiopian in contrast to Peter's preaching to Cornelius, the Roman God-fearer. Philip ran to him and lost no time in telling the good news of Jesus beginning with the interest of the eunuch in Isaiah.

The eunuch was disturbed by what he read. Most likely he had heard of the new movement of Christianity while in Jerusalem, for the passage in Isaiah 53 is one of the key passages that Christianity rests upon. Jesus was the Messiah announced by Isaiah 53. The Jews refused to see this but Christians believed it. But the same Spirit that led Philip from Samaria to the road going to Gaza, touched the heart of the eunuch with the hunger to know. For Philip simply showed him Jesus. That is what every passage of scripture should do and every witness.

The eunuch became a believer and was then baptized by Philip. The reason he was baptized by immersion was to show his confession of faith in Jesus Christ and to symbolize the change that Christ had made in his life. This is a strong reference to baptism by immersion. "They went down into the water." The new faith had produced a new man with a new life.

E. K. Judy, a Baptist minister, describes an experience that happened to him in Lexington, Kentucky.

"It was a bitter, cold January night," he recalls, "and I was waiting for a bus. Nearby was a Negro woman with a shopping bag, waiting

SCOTT FURR



An Independent Dealer Selling
Massey Ferguson Tractors

New 135 deluxe \$3,495 Diesel
New 165 deluxe \$4,995 Diesel
New 175 deluxe \$5,995 Diesel
New 1100 deluxe \$7,995 Diesel

New dirt scoop \$99; New scraper blade \$99; New fold-over 6-foot ball bearing disk \$325.

Scott Furr
Magnolia, Ms. 39652
Phone (601) 783-2197

Write for a 1972-73

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE
CATALOG

Facts in it may amaze you



Like 15 with faculty status holding 43 academic degrees

Like the curriculum which parallels seminary studies (except for Hebrew and Greek)

LIKE THE NEW CHOICES FOR ONE OR TWO DIPLOMAS for non-college persons. We offer to high school graduates The Diploma in (either) Theology, Sacred Music, or Religious Education (or two in combination). Nongraduates may earn the Diploma in Christian Training, majoring in Theology, Sacred Music, or Religious Education (or two in combination).

COME AND SEE. Share the warmth of deeply spiritual, Christian fellowship with the faculty and students. If applicable, inquire if you may still use your GI Bill benefits. Students come from 31 states. Summer School, May 22-June 16.

Owned, controlled, & loved by Florida Baptist Convention. For information, write: Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. 32440

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

Birmingham, Alabama 35209

The Baptist University in Alabama

Degrees Offered:

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Laws
Bachelor of Music
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Education
Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy

Master of Arts — English, History
Mathematics, Religion
Master of Business Administration
Master of Music
Master of Music Education
Master of Science — Biology
Master of Science in Education
Juris Doctor

VISIT WITH US AND BE OUR GUEST DURING
THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Samford Booth at PHILADELPHIA CIVIC CENTER

Samford Reception at BELVIEW-STRATFORD
(Wednesday, June 7, 3-5 p.m.)

Revival Dates

Union (North), Covington County:
June 4-9: Rev. Rayford Pridden, Foxworth, evangelist; Rev. Bilbo Sellers, pastor; services Monday-Friday at 7:30 p. m.; services Sunday morning at 11 followed by dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service.

Smyrna Church (Cophah): May 21-26: Rev. Neal Raborn, pastor of Live Oak Mission, Waggaman, La., evangelist; morning and evening services at 10:00 and at 7:00; following the Friday evening service there will be a homemade ice cream social.

Concord Church, Mize: June 4 - 9: Sunday services 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Harold Jordan, chaplain for La-Tourneau Plant, Vicksburg, evangelist; Gene Ware Amason, singer; Rev. A. D. Nieman, pastor.

Johnson Creek Church, Route 2, State Line: May 28 - June 2: Rev. Ferrell Mills, Mobile, evangelist; homecoming day on Sunday, May 28, with lunch at the church and services at 11 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.; Tidesmen's Quartet to sing at 1:30 service; services during week at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. James Harrison, Mobile, pastor.

PRIVATE COLLEGES are in trouble. Sixty - six died in last 2 years; 100 have exhausted liquid assets and are on verge of going under. If current rate of deficits continues, nearly half of them will be eligible for bankruptcy in 10 years. (Source: Study by Association of American Colleges.)

Capital FLORAL
COMPANY, INC.
Phone FL 5-2471
LAMEAR & WHITE
Progressive since 1887

HEADQUARTERS

FOR ALL TYPES OF
School & Church Furniture
• Complete stock of chairs, tables, desks and furnishings for Classroom, Library, Sunday School, Auditorium, Cafeteria and every School and Church use.

EVERYTHING FOR
THE SCHOOL
AND CHURCH

MISSISSIPPI
School Supply Co.
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

BIBLE CENTERED

THERAPY & COUNSELING

For Troubled Persons & Those Who Wish To Grow

- Non-denominational • Non-profit • Non-clinical
- Psychological Personality Testing (For Normal People)
- Group & Private Therapy & Counseling

THE RELIGIOUS & PASTORAL COUNSELING FOUNDATION

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

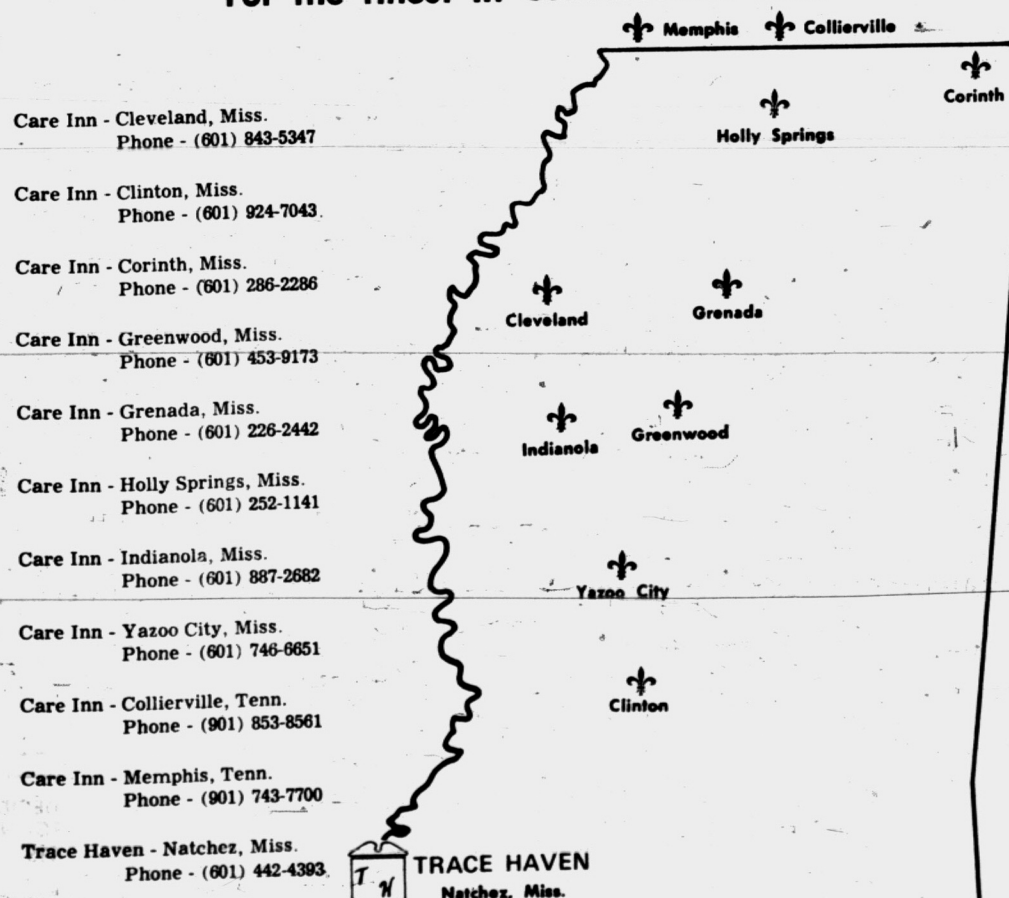
Religious Counseling Center
of Mississippi
Suite 470, The Woodland Hills Building
3000 Old Canton Road
Jackson, Miss. 39216
PHONE 382-1156

Batesville Religious
Counseling Center
Citizens Savings & Loan Bldg.
Highway 51, North
Batesville, Miss.
PHONE 563-7844

Care Inn Nursing And Convalescent Homes

Modern New Facilities

"For the finest in Convalescent Care"



Care Inn - Cleveland, Miss.
Phone - (601) 843-5347

Care Inn - Clinton, Miss.
Phone - (601) 924-7043

Care Inn - Corinth, Miss.
Phone - (601) 286-2286

Care Inn - Greenwood, Miss.
Phone - (601) 453-9173

Care Inn - Grenada, Miss.
Phone - (601) 226-2442

Care Inn - Holly Springs, Miss.
Phone - (601) 252-1141

Care Inn - Indianola, Miss.
Phone - (601) 887-2682

Care Inn - Yazoo City, Miss.
Phone - (601) 746-6651

Care Inn - Collierville, Tenn.
Phone - (901) 853-8561

Care Inn - Memphis, Tenn.
Phone - (901) 743-7700

Trace Haven - Natchez, Miss.
Phone - (601) 442-4393

TRACE HAVEN
Natchez, Miss.

We invite and encourage you to bring your church group to your nearby Care Inn to visit with our residents . . . conduct religious services . . . arrange special seasonal programs for our residents . . . and visit your loved ones.

Devotional

To Whom Shall We Go?

By O. P. Moore, Faculty, Clarke College

The question here considered was given in answer to a question. This is a good method of beginning dialogue. Jesus used it on a number of occasions.



Jesus had watched a considerable "falling away" on the part of those who were evidently on-the-surface-followers of Him—those who followed hoping to be fed. With what must have been considerable pathos in His voice He turned to His disciples and said, "Will you also go away?" (John 6:67). Again Peter was spokesman for the group and answered Him with the question, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). What a confession! How it must have cheered the heart of Jesus!

Church membership is falling, we are told. Why? Is it because the spurious followers of Christ are being shown up for what they are? Is it that many earnest people find their faith shaken because of false teachings of so-called science and philosophy? For instance, the philosophy of evolution which claims scientific proof for its teaching. No reputable scientist will claim that evolution is anything more at best than a philosophic view of the origin and continuation of life on the earth. As such, it makes no claim whatsoever for life after death. It is a faith, and can be accepted only by faith. Evolution is so taught by most, and so accepted by nearly all as a proven scientific principle until those who dare call it what it really is—a philosophic view of life—are laughed out of school so to speak. There is as much difference between true science and philosophy as there is between day and night. It is the firm conviction of many that perhaps the greatest cause of the falling away of tremendous numbers from Christianity is such false teachings by so-called scientists. Scientists cannot get along without theories, but when they go to saying that theories are facts, then great confusion arises. There is no conflict between the science which is true and the TRUTH as it is in Christ. Truth does not contradict itself.

When Peter said to Christ, "Thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68), he recognized that Christ ONLY could give what all of us basically desire—"eternal life." Life itself—physical life even—is a miracle. That is the reason the naturalist and scientist are not able to produce it! Even physical life has not yet been produced. Let no one mislead you here. Scientists have taken enzymes from living matter and produced crude forms of life. But the basic law of biology is still true—life comes ONLY from life! Much more is spiritual life a miracle. ONLY God can produce "eternal" life. Peter saw in Christ, "the Son of the living God" (John 6:90). Peter said in so many words, "We want eternal life and there is no one who can give it but you, Lord. Therefore, there is nowhere else for us to go!"

Many users of drugs, alcohol, the most abused of all, have found not even the best physical life in the use of them; the sex abusers have not found fulfillment in illicit sex relations; many excitable youth who seek "life" in rock n' roll music and such like are finding that if they want real abundant life here and now, they must come to Christ who gives abundant life now and gives assurance of eternal life hereafter.

Garrisons Appointed To Christian Service Corps

Rev. and Mrs. George W. Garrison of Route 2, Ripley, have been appointed by the Home Mission Board as Christian Service Corps workers for this summer. They will leave the last of May for Bitterroot Valley in Montana to serve for ten weeks under the direction of Rev. Mannon Wallace, pastor of Hamilton Baptist Church.

The Garrisons were Christian Service Corps workers for the past two summers on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Marson of Poplar, Montana.

Friendship Homecoming

Friendship Church, Route 2, Brookhaven, will observe annual homecoming May 28, beginning with Sunday School at 10 followed by worship service at 11.

There will be lunch served at the noon hour, and another worship service in the afternoon.

Rev. R. V. Callender, a former member and one who went out from the church as a minister of the gospel and at the present time is pastor of Harmony Church, Lincoln County, will be guest speaker.

Rev. Wiley Reid is the pastor.

Names In The News

Gordon B. Bennett of Pascagoula, gave his senior music recital in the Baptist Bible Institute chapel, Graceville, Fla. April 27. Mr. Bennett has been minister of music for First Church, Cottonwood, Ala., since December.

Drew J. Gunnels Jr. of Montgomery, Ala., president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has been awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by Mobile (Ala.) College.

Betty Smith of Jackson was one of the participants in a conference for writers of Southern Baptist curriculum materials for older children and their leaders May 8-12 at the Church Program Training Center, Nashville.

Jerry D. Terrell of Jackson was one of the participants in a conference for writers of Southern Baptist curriculum materials for older children and their leaders May 8-12 at the Church Program Training Center, Nashville.

Norman Rodgers of Jackson, associate, Church Training Dept., was one of the participants in a writers' conference for Southern Baptist church training youth publications May 9-12 at the Church Program Training Center, Nashville.

Sherri Collins, will serve as summer youth director for First Church, Baldwin. From Bruce, she will be a senior next year at Mississippi College. She is a member of the Concert choir and sings with the Naturals at Mississippi College. She is on the B.S.U. Executive Council and works on week-end revival teams. She has served as a summer missionary in Montana. Rev. Kermit Brann is pastor.

Mrs. W. F. Starns of Baton Rouge, La., mother of Miss Fanny Starns, missionary to Thailand, died April 28. Miss Starns was born in Hattiesburg, Miss. She may be addressed at Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand.

Mrs. C. Hudson Favell of Fort Smith, Ark., 45, a former missionary to Ghana, died May 14 of a heart attack. A funeral service was to be held May 16 at Southside Baptist Church, Fort Smith, with burial in Fort Smith. Rev. and Mrs. Favell, appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1958, served in Ghana, West Africa, until their resignation in 1968. After a year in Tamale they settled in Nalerigu, where Mrs. Favell nursed at the Baptist Medical Center.

Rev. Winford A. McInnis Jr. has accepted the pastorate of Liberty Church, in Scott Association.



He is a 1972 graduate of Clarke College, and is the former pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, Grenada Association. He is married to the former Amy L. Tapley of Pittsboro. They have two children, Kenneth, four, and Regina, two. Mr. McInnis plans to attend Mississippi College this fall.

Kenneth Eugene Watkins of Mississippi received the Master of Divinity degree during graduation exercises May 26 at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

William Carey College's highest award each year is the Outstanding Citizenship Award given to the young man and to the young woman who most exemplifies the spirit of the college in character and in action. Voted on by a secret faculty committee, the award is presented by Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester. During the 1972 Honor's Day program this week on the Carey campus James Beck, junior Bible major, and Cheryl Parker, senior elementary education major, were the recipients. Beck is from Burras, La. and Miss Parker is from Pass Christian.

Rev. W. J. Henderson of Jackson, Mississippi, has accepted the pastorate of Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Montana. He succeeds Rev. Robert Wall, who is now on the staff of Mississippi College. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson and their six-year-old son plan to move to Montana by June 1.



Mrs. Bradley J. Pope, newly elected president of the Mississippi College Faculty Wives Club, and other new officers are examining wedding invitations used as part of the decor at the recent May Luncheon. The luncheon featured wedding dresses of faculty wives, many of them modeled by the owners or their daughters. Officers shown above are, left to right: Mrs. C. D. Galloway, Nursery Chairman; Mrs. Charles W. Scott, Telephone Chairman; Mrs. Bradley J. Pope, President; Mrs. Norman E. O'Neal, Newcomers Chairman; and Mrs. L. Craig Whitlock, Vice-President. Now shown are Mrs. D. Gray Miley, Secretary; Mrs. James S. Selater, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer; and Mrs. W. H. Sumrall, Publicity Chairman.

Jimmy Smith has been called by First, Pontotoc, as summer youth director.



A native of Booneville, he will be graduated from Mississippi State University on May 28. While at the University, he made the President's List during his senior year. Active in B. S. U., he is chairman of the 1972 Student Missions Committee, and served last summer as a student summer missionary to the Bahamas. As an ordained minister he served as pastor for about fifteen months. He has recently served as interim choir director at First Church, West Point. Dr. W. Levon Moore is pastor of First, Pontotoc.

Rev. O. Wyndall Jones has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Trenton, Tennessee, after eight years. The church's budget has more than doubled and a building has been built at the cost of a half a million dollars. A mission that had been in operation for many years has been organized into a thriving church. There have been over 500 additions to the church, more than half by baptism. He

has served five years on the Executive Board of the State, and as President this last year. He will assume the duties as pastor of the Highland Church, Florence, Alabama. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Audie, are natives of Philadelphia, Mississippi. They have two daughters, Kathy and Karen.

Marty Evans, Jr., a senior at Mississippi College, has resigned as minister of music at Meadow Grove Church, Brandon, to go into full-time evangelism this summer. He will be returning to school in the fall to complete graduation requirements. He was licensed to the preaching of the Gospel in 1968 by Calvary Church, Greenville, under the former pastor, Rev. Raymond A. Wilson. Marty has supplied in a number of churches in the Delta and various parts of central Mississippi. He may be contacted for supply work or revivals by writing P. O. Box 5463, Greenville, Mississippi, 38701, or phoning 332-1134.



the Gospel in 1968 by Calvary Church, Greenville, under the former pastor, Rev. Raymond A. Wilson. Marty has supplied in a number of churches in the Delta and various parts of central Mississippi. He may be contacted for supply work or revivals by writing P. O. Box 5463, Greenville, Mississippi, 38701, or phoning 332-1134.

The human body, in its wonderful structure, is of itself a miracle of divine wisdom and power.

Most of us make this verse read like this: "Get thee behind me, Satan, and push."

If you can't be grateful for what you receive; be grateful for what you escape.

YOUTH SKILLS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



Mrs. Janet Burton
First Baptist Church
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Janet Burton, author of GUIDING YOUTH, will be the conference director. Mrs. Burton is a frequent faculty member at Glorieta and has written numerous lessons and articles for youth workers.

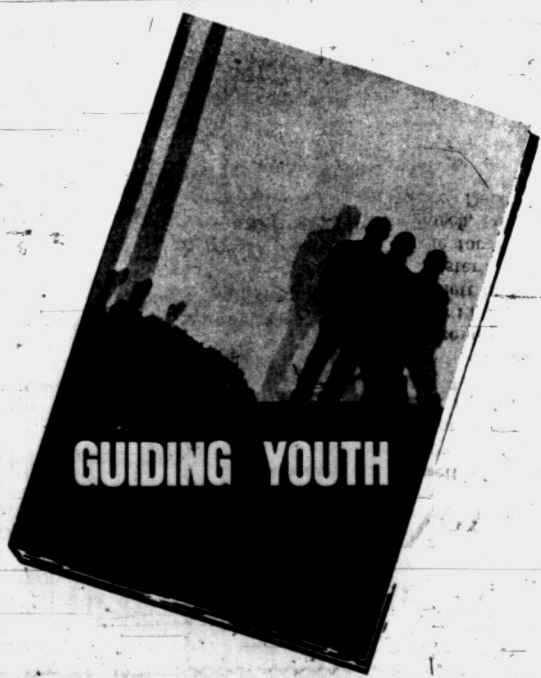
MEETINGS FROM 7 TO 9 P. M.

CHURCH	PLACE	DATE
First Baptist Church	McComb	June 19
First Baptist Church	Gulfport	June 20
First Baptist Church	Laurel	June 22
First Baptist Church	Jackson	June 23
First Baptist Church	Greenwood	June 26
First Baptist Church	Oxford	June 27
First Baptist Church	Starkville	June 29

These meetings will feature demonstrations of creative approaches to learning as discussed in GUIDING YOUTH.

Sponsored by Sunday School and Church Training

W. T. Douglas
Norman Rodgers



Calvary Honors Carters, McNeelys

Calvary Church, Newton, honored Dr. and Mrs. John F. Carter, above left, and Dr. and Mrs. Edwin McNeely, above right, with a reception April 30. Dr. Carter was Calvary's first pastor when the church was formed as a mission. He and Mrs. Carter are still active in the church where both teach Sunday School. Dr. and Mrs. McNeely are co-ministers of music. Dr. McNeely directs the Adult Choir and leads the congregational singing. Mrs. McNeely has organized two children's choirs. Rev. Cliff Estes is the pastor.

Mrs. Frank Means Dies

Mrs. Frank K. Means of Richmond, Va., wife of the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for South America, died May 15 in a Richmond hospital. She was 60.

The funeral service was held May 17 in the chapel of the board's headquarters building, with burial in Westhampton Memorial Park, Richmond.

Mrs. Means had taught history at Hermitage High School in suburban Henrico County, and at James Monroe High School and Mary Washington College, both in Fredericksburg, Va.

She and her husband were members of First Baptist Church, Richmond, where she had taught a business women's Bible class.

The former Elwyn Lee Walling of Big Spring, Tex., she held the bachelor of arts degree from Texas Technological College (now University), Lubbock, the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and the master of arts degree from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Means is survived by her father, S. F. Walling of California, and two brothers.

Lucien Homecoming

Lucien Homecoming will have annual Homecoming services on Sunday, May 28.

The program will begin at 10:00. Lunch will be served, and a business meeting on the upkeep of the cemetery will follow at 1:30.

Speaker for the day will be Rev. Franklin Haire of Providence Church. Mrs. Charlie Seals will direct the song service for the day.

Music Fund Honors Mrs. Donald Winters

A new scholarship program named in honor of Mrs. Frances Winters has been set up at William Carey College by action of the 1972 executive council of the William Carey College Alumni Association.



To be known as the Frances Winters Graduate Music Scholarship Fund, the special program will attempt to raise funds for the providing of permanent fellowships among graduate music students. Mrs. Winters is a member of the faculty of the Carey School of Music and is the wife of Dean Donald Winters.

The new graduate music program offers masters degrees in two areas: church music and music education. "On May 27 of this year the very first four master of music degrees will be granted during regular commencement exercises. We are extremely thrilled with this initial success of our new program," commented Dean Winters. The Winters' son, Eugene, is one of the four to be so honored.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Southside Church, Greenville: April 24-28; Rev. S. B. Boyette, pastor; Rev. W. D. "Step" Martin, evangelist; Price Harris, song leader; 16 professions of faith; five by letter; one on statement; 37 rededications.

Off The Record

To urge women to drive carefully. Here's a tip valid and sage: "In case you are in an accident, the paper will print your age."—Joan I. Welsh.

The hard-looking blonde passed two men on the street. "There goes my ex-wife," said one. "She's a wonderful little housekeeper." "She doesn't look it," remarked the other. "Not the type." "She is, though," insisted the first man. "Divorced three times and keeps the house each time."

At a formal dinner party a mother was horrified when her young son reached all the way across the table for the butter.

"What's the matter with you?" she hissed under her breath. "Don't you have a tongue?"

"Sure," muttered the lad, "but it isn't as long as my arm."

"Now children," smiled the Sunday School teacher sweetly, "I want you to be so still that you can hear a pin drop."

After a silence that seemed quite long to the children, a small boy over in the corner shouted, "OK, let 'er drop!"

Steve: "Have you heard about the man in Wisconsin who could turn grass into butter?"

Lee: "No. How did he do it?"

Steve: "All he needed was a cow."

There's the party girl from Nationalist China. She can really Taiwan on!

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

RATE: 20c per word, \$3.00 minimum. Cash with order except on contract advertising. Include name, address, zip code and phone number in word count. No blind ads.

REAL BARGAIN

One Burroughs Accounting Machine — Model F4400 series. One fire-proof double tray ledger file on large casters. Write or Call: The Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205 — Phone: 354-3704.

FOR SALE

COMPLETE SET OF PULPIT FURNITURE COMMUNION TABLE 12 OAK CHURCH SEWS CONTACT

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH R. 3 - Box 54 — Phone: 583-0392 HATTIESBURG, MISS. 39401